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MARINE AFFAIRS FURTHER PROBED

Judge Cassels Inquires Into Work Done By the Polsons of Toronto

COMMANDER SPAIN'S LOAN

Favored Kingston Contractor Who Got Payment in Advance of Work

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The marine inquiry was resumed here by Judge Cassels this morning. Capt. Spain, of the marine department, was the first witness. He defined his various duties, and admitted having received a loan of $500 from the Polson Iron works, of Toronto, but he had repaid the loan to Mr. Polson. He had asked for the loan in the summer of 1904 when he was in British Columbia, and repaid it on his return to Toronto.

At the afternoon session of the marine inquiry, Judge Cassels continued to examine into the $500 which had been paid to Commander Spain and returned by him. J. B. Miller, of the Polson firm, could not say what had become of it, whether Mr. Polson kept it himself or not. Miller said he trusted Polson absolutely, and kept no track of the large amounts charged to cash.

Mr. Watson then took up the "Vigilant," built by the Polsons for the department for $140,000, although the Bertrams offered to build one for $86,000. Miller said the latter was for a smaller type of boat. Asked by Judge Cassels what gratuities, if any, the department officials got from the firm, Miller said he knew of none, and if anything of the kind was done, it was by Mr. Polson.

"And he has gone hence," interjected the judge.

It was next shown by Mr. Watson that the Polson firm tendered for repairs to the Aberdeen for $17,000, but their final account for the work was $45,423. Witness said this big increase was due to boilers, not included in the contract, but Mr. Watson read the contract to show him that an item in it was $12,000 for boilers.

Mr. Watson then took up the allegation made at Halifax, that a condenser and propeller had been charged for but not delivered, but Miller said he was sure this was not the case. The extra work had been done on order of Schmidt, of the department at Halifax. Miller declared that although his firm had done business in the last three years with the department to the extent of $296,000 they had lost money on it.

J. B. Davis, of Kingston, had vague accounts regarding $4,460 repairs to the government boat Scout. He said no details were kept of the work, and a lump bid was made and similar account rendered. The firm started work before it got the contract, and received an advance payment before they started the work. He was very reluctant to produce his books, and said the firm kept no cash book, while the check book had been mislaid or destroyed. He will be recalled after he has made further search for his records.

Judge Cassels Not Coming.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Judge Cassels will not come to Vancouver or Victoria to hold an inquiry into marine department affairs.

Want Investigation.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—At a full meeting of the executive of the Prince Rupert Liberal association it was decided to ask Premier Laurier to send Judge Cassels and his investigating committee to the Pacific coast to investigate into the methods that have prevailed in purchasing supplies for the public works department, and the marine and fisheries department in British Columbia.

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Confessed to Murder

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Lee Chung, condemned to hang on the 18th, confessed today to having murdered Yung Ah Hing on July 27th.

Argentine Armament

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 16.—The Chamber of Deputies today, meeting in secret session, adopted the armaments bill, which authorizes the expenditure of $75,000,000.

Government Records Burned

Washington, Dec. 16.—Government records, charts, maps and photographs valued at more than $20,000 were destroyed tonight in a fire which broke out in the United States Geological Survey building in this city. The damage to the building itself was slight.

Toronto Man's Heavy Loss

Dansville, N.Y., Dec. 16.—Fire destroyed the building, machinery and part of the material of the Dansville paper mill this afternoon, causing a total loss estimated at more than $100,000. It is not known what insurance was carried. The plant was owned by J. H. McNairn, of Toronto, Ont., who conducts a large wax plant in the Canadian city.

Quebec Man Dies in Fire.

Quebec, Dec. 16.—About 8 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the store at the head of Mountain Hill, occupied by C. E. A. Langlois, agent for the St. Leon Mineral Water company. After about three-quarters of an hour of work the fire was got under control. In searching the ruins the firemen found the body of Mr. Langlois in a back room, he evidently having been asphyxiated by smoke. Deceased was about 65 years of age, a bachelor and a well known citizen. The remains were removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held. The damage to the building and contents was about $1,200, covered by insurance.

BANKS IN TROUBLE DEPOSITORS GRIEVE

New Hampshire Cashier in Default—Ohio State Bank Assigns

Somerworth, N. H., Dec. 16.—The doors of the First National bank of this city were closed today, following the discovery of a shortage placed at $85,000, and Fred M. Varney, the cashier, was arrested on the charge of being a defaulter. The trouble was discovered by national bank examiner N. S. Bean, of Manchester. According to W. W. Tebbett, president of the bank, Varney has now admitted that he took large sums from the bank which had been lost in speculation, and which had been accumulating for the last several years. Varney was given a hearing late this afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and furnished bail of $10,000 for his appearance before the United States circuit court at Portsmouth in March. Examiner Bean regards the bank as solvent, but says the directors declare inability to make up the shortage, and have requested a liquidator. Late today Mr. Bean was appointed temporary receiver by the comtroller of the Currency.

Napoleon, Ohio., Dec. 16.—Men cried and women fainted in the street when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens' state bank today. D. D. Donovan was named as assignee. President Heller, of the bank, is in a hospital in Minnesota. The failure is said to be due to loans to Judge Michael Donnolly, who is president of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, which recently failed. The bank is capitalized at $71,000, and has an undivided surplus of $21,000. The deposits amount to $835,000.

MORE MARATHONS

Long Distance Professionals Plan to Gather in More Money From the Public

New York, Dec. 16.—Two more Marathon races are being arranged for at Madison Square Garden. The first is scheduled for the night of January 9th between Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, vanquisher of Dorando Pietri, and Alfred Shrubb, the English professional champion. The closing of the series will be the Marathon derby, with Tom Longboat, John Hayes, Dorando and Alfred Shrubb as the contestants.

After winning last night's race, Longboat challenged Shrubb to run over the Marathon distance, and under the same conditions that governed the two races held at the Garden. Shrubb wishes a shorter race, not more than fifteen miles, but it is thought that if sufficient inducements are offered the Englishman will accept. Shrubb is a more scientific runner than either Hayes or Dorando. Dorando rested today. He is under contract to run at Buffalo in about ten days, and he will later run at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Longboat was around today, feeling little effect of the race. He said there was never a moment from the start to the finish that he could not have gone out and beaten his opponent, and he would have smashed the record had Dorando not slowed up during the last five miles. He ran according to the instructions of his manager.

Bank Profits

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 16.—The Bank of Hamilton shows net profits for the year ending Nov. 30, of $360,308.45, as compared with $348,700 last year.

Shipment of Cattle

Halifax, Dec. 16.—An amendment of the cattle shipping regulations has been issued. Under the original regulations vessels sailing from American ports could not ship cattle at Canadian ports within twenty-one days. The amendment makes this applicable only where United States ports of departure are known to be infected.

EXCITEMENT IN RUSSIAN DUMA

Conflict of Factions Leads to President Abandoning His Post

POLICE SYSTEM CENSURED

Deputies Offer Various Interpellations on Government Conduct

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—During the course of an exciting session of the Duma this afternoon, Nikola Khomyakoff, the president of the duma, quitted the chambers and wrote his resignation.

Late tonight there was still much uncertainty as to M. Khomyakoff's position, as he did not present his resignation to the chancellor of the duma, where it was declared that the incident might be regarded as closed. Possibly, therefore, M. Khomyakoff reconsidered his decision to resign.

Scenes of excitement arose over the discussion in the house of a government bill to grant a credit of $500,000 for the benefit of the employees of the prisons' administration who were victims of outrages while on duty, or of their families if the employees were killed.

The Socialists and Laborites hotly denounced the administration and the inquisitorial torturing methods to political prisoners. Deputy Rosanoff, in a specially violent speech, asserted that as a result of the rigorous rule sixty per cent. of these prisoners developed consumption. The Rightist deputies angrily protested against this, whereupon M. Rosanoff declared that the Rightists possessed less honor than Russian convicts on the eve of execution.

President Khomyakoff in response to a stampede on the part of the offended deputies called upon M. Rosanoff to withdraw his expression. M. Rosanoff did so to the satisfaction of the president of the duma, but the Rightists quitted the house in a body and went to the president's room, where they insisted that M. Rosanoff must apologize.

Thereupon M. Khomyakoff wrote his resignation and left a chairman, Prince Volonsky, in charge of the duma.

The credit was finally adopted. At the evening session the matter of an interpellation of the prohibition by the police of a lecture by one of the deputies on Bosnia and Herzogovina was under discussion.

Count Bobrinsky, president of the constitutional Conservative party, explained that the duma did not wish to confuse the question of police prohibition of meetings with that relating to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzogovina, and the interpellation was postponed.

The duma adopted an interpellation to the effect that the government is violating the budget rights by guaranteeing the bonds of private railways without the sanction of the duma.

The interpellation of M. Purishkevich relating to the persecution of Russian colonists in the Caucasus by native Armenians and Georgians was also submitted. This interpellation recounted a great number of alleged murderous attempts and other forms of terrorism aimed at making the existence of Russian Caucasian colonies an impossibility.

LAYS EMPHASIS ON TARIFF REVISION

President-Elect Taft Regards It as Chief Plank of Platform

New York, Dec. 16.—Bringing his stay in New York to a close tonight, President-elect Wm. H. Taft was the guest of honor at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio Society in New York.

Mr. Taft took advantage of the occasion in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since his election, to pledge his administration and his party, so far as he can control it, to a loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon the revision of the tariff, which he singled out as the most important declaration at the last national convention, and after having previously referred to the veto power of the chief executive, said with all the emphasis of which he was capable: "Better no revision at all; better that the new bill should fail unless we have an honest and thorough revision on the basis laid down and the principles outlined in the party platform."

Mr. Taft also referred again tonight to the Sherman anti-trust law, and declared for its enforcement as one of the Roosevelt policies that the party had pledged to carry forward.

NEWFOUNDLAND STORM

Island Colony Experiences Worst Blizzard of Years—Fears for Fishermen

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 16.—The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has been raging for 48 hours, and heavy damage has been done to fishing vessels, a number of which have been blown ashore at various points. No loss of life has yet been reported, but it is feared that several schooners have been blown to sea or sunk. Traffic on land is at a standstill.

Canadian Northern Denial.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern railway, denied today the story that his road had taken over the Wisconsin Central to get into Chicago.

G. A. R. Encampment

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 16.—The next national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, as announced by the executive committee today, will be held from August 9 to August 14, in Salt Lake City.

Killed in Quarrel

Mattawan, W. Va., Dec. 16.—H. O. Smith, general superintendent of the Freeburn Coal and Coke Company, was shot and killed today during a quarrel with H. A. Conners, station agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad at Dolermo.

Coal Miners Strike

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Nearly two thousand miners in the fourteen active mines in the Paint Creek territory went on strike today following a notice that their wages would be reduced. The national executive board of the United Mine Workers has endorsed the strike.

Swindled on Large Scale

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Charged with misappropriating $2,000,000, two brothers, Adolph and Fritz Eberbach, hotel company promoters, have been arrested, the former in Silesia, and the latter at Vienna. The men are charged with having founded a hotel trust with enormous capital, with offices at Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen, with having appointed dummy directors and having manipulated the funds. When the trust went into liquidation, the brothers disappeared, the shareholders receiving only two per cent of their investments. Proceedings for the extradition of Fritz, who it is alleged is the principal offender, are now going on.

OTTOMAN ASSEMBLY HOLDS ITS SESSION

Preparations Made to Celebrate Institution of New Regime

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—Turkey makes her bow as a full-fledged constitutional monarchy tomorrow, when the new Ottoman parliament holds its first session. This assembly was provided for in the constitution granted by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July, and is the first body of its kind to meet in the empire for over thirty years. The life of its only predecessor was brief, but hopes are entertained for the success of the new-comer.

Tomorrow has been proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament, and the city is doing its best to observe the occasion fittingly.

The decorations are quite unprecedented, and most of the population is in the streets, eagerly discussing the prospects of the new regime. Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison will line the route under arms tomorrow when the Sultan drives to open the assembly, while school children stationed at vantage points along the way, will sing the hymns of liberty as the imperial cortege passes.

Congratulatory addresses have been received by the new parliament from the British parliament and the Russian duma.

Nicola Coal Mines Closed.

Nicola, B.C., Dec. 16.—All the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co.'s mines were closed on Monday. Last Wednesday evening nearly all the miners employed by the Middlesboro collieries organized under the United Mine Workers of America. Thursday they were laid off. About 60 men are affected. Frank H. Sherman, superintendent of the U.M.W. of America, of British Columbia, will arrive this week from Fernie to take up the miners' side of the question.

Calgary's Vote Grows

Calgary, Dec. 16.—The number of votes polled at the recent mayoralty election in Calgary shows an increase of 34 1-4 per cent over the vote of last year, and 37.18 per cent over the vote polled in Edmonton this year. The large vote polled was mainly due to the great immigration here during the past twelve months, coupled with the fact that weather conditions were ideal for getting out the vote.

Calgary Publicity

Calgary, Dec. 16.—Mayor-elect Jamieson, interrogated this morning, reiterated the publicity policy declared by him on the platform during the campaign. The railroads will do all the advertising required, and will do it thoroughly. The best thing the city can do is to improve streets, etc. Pleased visitors are the best advertisement. It was not necessary for the city to spend much directly on advertising. Edmonton has done a great deal along this line, but it must be borne in mind that they have no great land scheme like that of the C. P. R. irrigation scheme, in the advertisement of which large sums have been spent, which must directly benefit Calgary to a very large extent.

Mr. Fowler's Land Syndicate

St. John, N.B., Dec. 16.—The case of Albert Pugsley, cousin of Hon. W. Pugsley, against G. W. Fowler and R. H. Hope, ex-M.P., comes up in the equity court here next Tuesday. The matter has to do with transactions in western lands, which have received a lot of notice throughout the Dominion. Mr. Pugsley declares that he subscribed $200 to the fund for investment in lands, and claims that a gross profit of some $200,000 was made. He now asks for an accounting, claiming that he is entitled to one-thirtieth of the profits as there were thirty shares in the syndicate, and he held one. The defence claims that Pugsley's $200 represented but a preliminary sum, and that he really was not a member of the syndicate.

CARACAS REBELS AGAINST CASTRO

Mob Burns His Pictures and Statues and Attacks His Friends

SEVERAL PERSONS KILLED

President is Quite Composed and Refuses to Believe Reports

Berlin, Dec. 16.—President Castro continues his composure in the face of alarming reports regarding the disturbances in Venezuela. When despatches were shown him today stating that the people of Caracas had risen against him, had burned the pictures and statues of the president in the public square, and had made an attack on a number of buildings, including the stores of several of his warmest adherents, and that several persons had been killed. Castro, after having one of the members of his party make a translation of these words into Spanish, said quietly: "I don't believe it. I had despatches from Caracas this morning, but they mentioned nothing of the kind."

President Castro was asked for an expression of his views regarding Holland's seizure of Venezuelan ships, but answered: "I am in Germany in a private capacity." He referred the correspondents to Senor Veloz-Goiticoa, the Venezuelan charge d'affairs, whom he authorized to talk for him.

The charge then made the following statement: "In reply to your questions. I doubt what has been published with regard to Holland's aggression, because no declaration of war has been made, nor has a blockade been announced, and none established, therefore the seizure of small Venezuelan vessels by sheer force cannot be described other than as an act of piracy, unworthy any enlightened, civilized country. On the other hand, such a course would jeopardize the arrangements which Venezuela had proposed to Holland through confidential agents, and could even have a worse effect, inasmuch as Venezuela in meeting payments due to Holland, takes for that purpose a portion of the prescribed 30 per cent of the customs receipts. Thus Holland's act might place Venezuela in a position of being unable to continue payment, which also would jeopardize the interests of the other nations. Holland is in the wrong in the difficulty between that country and Venezuela, and she is still more involved through the attitude which the Dutch government has recently adopted.

"In view of this state of the case, the Venezuelan government has informed the diplomatic corps at Caracas of these facts, and is waiting before taking any further steps."

Reported to Washington

Washington, Dec. 16.—Through United States Consul Cheney at Caracas, the State department today received its first official information of the stirring events in Caracas on Monday. It was very brief, giving few details, and confirming in part the Associated Press dispatches of the happenings in that city. It is said that Caracas seemed to be on the verge of revolution, and that attempts had been made to burn President Castro's residence. The dispatch spoke of the attack on the office of El Constitucionale, where several persons were killed and property destroyed. An impression was conveyed that students were leading the rioters.

Furious Mob

Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16.—The people of Caracas arose today against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends.

The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on the Plaza Bolivar.

Castro's rule in Venezuela probably is ended.

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast there have been no demonstrations against the Netherlands. They have all been directed against President Castro and Acting President Gomez.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. No official act deposing Castro from the presidency of Venezuela has yet been taken, but such a step is expected any moment.

The attack yesterday on the offices of El Constitucionale, the organ of the Castro government, when the crowd was curbed by a guard of soldiers who fired into the demonstrators, resulting in several fatalities. A criminal action has been begun against Editor Rivas and other employees of the paper, in which they are charged with the responsibility for those deaths. It is declared that Rivas and his men fired first on the people with revolvers. El Constitucionale has suspended publication, and Caracas is practically without a newspaper.

The funeral of Marcano Rojas, one of the killed by the fighting of yesterday, has been fixed for tomorrow. A vast crowd will turn out and further disorders and rioting are expected.

Ontario Succession Tax

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The provincial treasurer's department estimates that the succession duties this year will total between $1,000,000 and $1,200,000, as compared with $820,000 received a year ago.

Aurora Mine to Work.

Moyie, B.C., Dec. 16.—It is expected that by Dec. 20 the compressor of the Aurora property will be working and the machine drills will be in use. The boiler inspector will be here this week. The Aurora promises to make a record for itself this winter.

Killed by a Lunatic.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—William Boulton, manager of the Mimico asylum farm, died at his home in Mimico tonight as the result of injuries inflicted by a patient, who attacked him on Monday with a spade. He was 80 years old, and had been connected with the asylum for 24 years.

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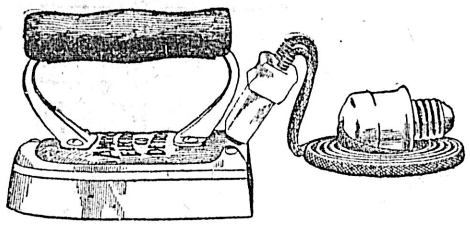

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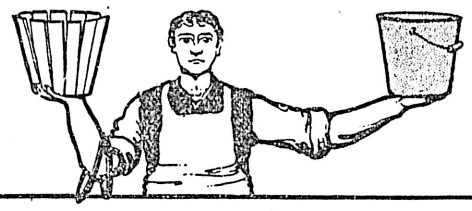

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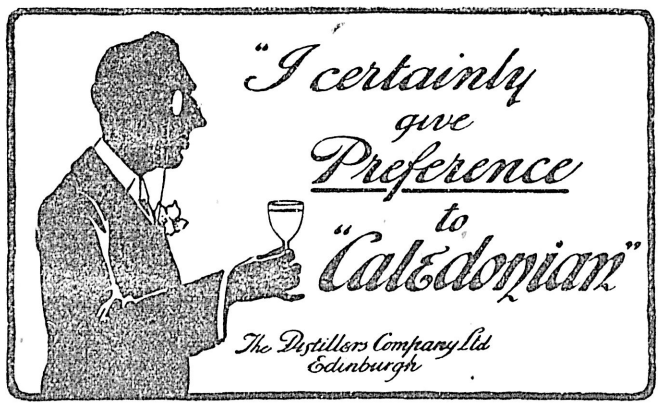

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Executioner Radcliffe Arrives at New Westminster to Make Final Arrangements

New Westminster, Dec. 15.—The public executioner, J. H. Radcliffe, and his assistant, arrived yesterday morning. On Wednesday and Thursday they will supervise the final arrangements for the hanging on Friday morning next of the three condemned murderers.

Pertella and Jenkins are both receiving the benefits of religious instruction at the hands of Capt. Collier, of the Salvation Army. The Chinamen receiving his from a fellow countryman who is a missionary at Sapperton.

BIG DAMAGES GIVEN FOR ELECTRIC SHOCK

Frank Crompton Yesterday Awarded $1,000 By the Jury

Frank Crompton was yesterday awarded $1,000 damages by a county court jury for injuries sustained by him through coming into contact with an electric light wire in the basement of his mother's house on Heywood avenue. There are several legal points yet to be decided. For the plaintiff, J. A. Aikman contends that a clause in the agreement between the B. C. Electric Railway Company, Limited, and the city, by virtue of which they obtained their charter, renders it unnecessary for him to have to prove negligence on the part of the company at all, while for the defence A. E. McPhillips, K. C., will urge that the plaintiff in any event has lost his right of action because he allowed over six months to elapse before bringing suit. These and other matters will be argued on Saturday morning, as it was considered advisable to have the decision of the jury at once on the points as to whether the lighting company had shown negligence, the plaintiff contributory negligence, and the amount of damages, if any, which should be awarded. In the event of a ruling against the plaintiff on the technical points, followed by a successful appeal, such a course would render a new trial unnecessary.

Frank Crompton's story of his hurt, which stands unchallenged in its main features, reveals a possible peril of which the average householder does not dream. It appears that one evening he went into the basement of his mother's home to saw some wood. While so doing the point of his saw came in contact with the electric wire leading to the light he was working by, and he was immediately knocked senseless. It was afterwards discovered that his arm was very badly burned, and he was obliged to discontinue his employment for some time while he underwent medical treatment, during the course of which pieces of skin from his leg had to be grafted on to his arm in order to heal the wound.

The young man had been apprenticed to the telephone company, learning the electrical end of the work, but was obliged to relinquish all idea of following his chosen calling on account of the accident. He had lost his nerve where electricity is concerned. In consequence of evidence given during the course of the trial, he was recalled at the end of the proceedings, and he admitted that before beginning to saw wood on the evening in question he had received a slight shock. He had picked up the light to remove it, when he was slightly shocked in the hand. Accordingly he put on a rubber glove which he had in the basement, and which he used in his trade, and picked up the light with it and hung the bulb on a hook in one of the joists. The cord hung down to within two or three feet of the floor and he could only account for the accident by the theory that he struck this cord with the point of the saw. The first shock was of the slight kind, which is often received in handling electric lights, and did not arouse his apprehensions. A neighbor also gave evidence that on the same evening she had received a shock which knocked her down as she laid hold of a switch to turn on the light.

For the defence, A. T. Goward, manager of the company, and G. N. Tripp, its electrical superintendent, were called. Their evidence went to show that on the night in question there was a storm of wind and rain, and Mr. Goward told of statements made to him by the plaintiff shortly after the accident. He attributed the unquestioned fact that the wire into the Crompton home was carrying an undue voltage by the theory that a wet branch connected the low pressure service wire with the high tension wire which serves the city arc lights, carried on the same pole, and which is charged with 2,000 volts. Mr. Tripp explained how the poles are constructed, and it appears that on the same crossbar there are four wires. The two inside ones are arc primary, high pressure wires carrying about 2,000 volts, while the two outside wires are low pressure service wires carrying a nominal 110 voltage, which is quite incapable of inflicting injury on any one.

Wet Branch Did It

Mr. Tripp thought that in the wind and rain a wet branch had blown across the city wire and the company's secondary wire, thus charging the latter with a high voltage which would be carried into the house. He did not think from an inspection made not long after the accident that the primary and secondary wires had crossed. The danger from wet branches in a high wind was recognized by his company, which took all possible precautions, though the city had stopped him from cutting down tree branches which he considered to be in the way and so dangerous. His company's wires were all covered with standard insulation and the current would not escape until the insulation was worn through, which might occur through the chafing of branches.

Replying to questions from the jury, he explained that the fuse would not blow out on account of too much voltage, as that merely meant too much pressure. The fuse would burn out if too great a volume of electricity, which is measured in amperes, passed into it. To the judge he said that his inspection was from the ground, and that it appeared that the wires were somewhat chafed.

Thinks Wires Crossed

Matthew Hutchinson, the city electrician, was also called. It appears that a complaint of the accident had been made to the city, and that the witness had been instructed to make an investigation. He detailed an interview with the plaintiff and then was asked his views as to the cause of the accident. His opinion was that the unusual voltage was caused by the crossing of the primary and secondary wires. His experience had shown that no matter how careful the poles might be guyed and the wires strung, they were bound to sag somewhat with a risk of crossing one another. The poles were 120 feet apart and the wires were strung 14 inches apart. When the wires were of different weights they would not sway rhythmically in the wind, with the result that eventually they were apt to be entangled. It was possible that a wet branch might have caused the trouble, but he did not think it likely. In the first place it was a bad conductor, and in the second it would tend to ground the current rather than send it over the secondary wire. It might cause a momentary shock but he thought it unlikely, though not impossible, to do anything more. The covering by which wires are insulated are not of much good, according to Mr. Huthinson. He says that as a rule they soon lose their non-conductive qualities on high pressure wires. The insulation of the wires in the present case were quite chafed when he examined them.

Charges Negligence

In his address to the jury on the facts, Mr. McPhillips made much of the fact that Crompton had felt a small shock when he first touched the light. This he said was a warning, and as he continued in the vicinity after this he did so at his peril. He was thus the author of his own injury, and so had no right to claim damages. It was contributory negligence. He pointed out that this was the first incident of the kind in the history of the company, and that it had been proved that the installation and appliance as used were of the best and most modern kind. Under the circumstances the light company had done all that could be reasonably be required of it, and could not be held guilty of negligence without which there could be no liability. He also criticized the plaintiff for not having told of the small shock when questioned by him on his first appearance on the stand. He then had denied that there had been a prior shock.

For the plaintiff, Mr. Aikman explained this by saying that Crompton did not realize when asked the question what was being referred to. He had thought a severe shock was meant and not a slight one which might be from any electric light bulb which was a little out of order. He pointed out that the fact that the plaintiff had received serious injuries from an electric current brought over the defendants wire was not disputed. The company expert acknowledged that electricity was a dangerous element, and yet they permitted their wires to be strung through trees, knowing the danger then arising from storms which were admittedly common in Victoria. This was negligence, and he did not think that the amount of damages asked for was excessive. Apparently the jury did not think so either for they returned a verdict for $1000, the amount claimed, saying that they considered the company was negligent in stringing its wires so close together while passing through trees. They found that the plaintiff was not guilty of contributory negligence.

In charging the jury Judge Lampman remarked that if electric light could not be supplied without the risk of injury to those supplied, it was the duty of the company to discontinue the service. Judgment will not be delivered until after the legal argument on Saturday.

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CASE AGAINST VLED DISMISSED BY COURT

Roumanian Who Was Charged With Engaging in an Affray is Acquitted

The case against Alexander Vled, the Roumanian who was charged with engaging in an affray in the Colonial hotel on December 5th, was dismissed by the magistrate yesterday. Mr. Jay remarked that though there was evidence that the man had a knife in his hand, there was none that he was about to use it on any one. The man had been ten days in jail awaiting trial, and he thought that he had received a sufficient punishment. Through the interpreter, the magistrate transmitted a solemn warning, telling Vled that the use of the knife as a mode of settling disputes was not permitted in this country, and that any further infraction of the law would be visited on him severely.

The evidence went to show that Vled and Hauptkorn, the man who was committed for trial the other day for stabbing, engaged in an altercation. They clinched one another and immediately Mr. Ferguson, the manager of the place, jumped over the bar and with the help of a man named Danley separated the two. Vled was then found to have an open knife in his hand. Apparently the row had been stopped too soon for anything serious to take place. In any event no harm was done, and no attempt was made by Vled to renew the fight.

For the defence, Wm. C. Moresby applied for a dismissal, arguing that the evidence for the prosecution was not sufficient to justify the man being held on such a serious charge. For the prosecution, H. W. R. Moore submitted that the evidence was sufficient to justify a committal, and remarked that in a seaport town frequented by foreign sailors it was most important that it should be clearly understood that the use of the knife in quarrels was bound to have serious results.

Bankrupt Actress

New York, Dec. 16.—Alice Neilson, an actress, long prominent on the comic opera stage, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. She gave her liabilities as $7,200, and her assets at $75.

Death of Missionary

New York, Dec. 16.—News of the death at Yellandu, India, of Rev. Chas. B. Ward, for thirty-one years missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church in India, was received here today. Mr. Ward leaves a widow in India and two sons, who are students at Syracuse university.

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W. W. FORRESTER GETS PRINCE RUPERT WORK

Seven Contractors Tender—Work Will Be Rushed All Through Winter

W. W. Forrester, the New Westminster contractor, has been awarded the contract for constructing the proposed public improvements at Prince Rupert, which are being undertaken jointly by the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific. There were six unsuccessful tenderers. The contract will run close to $200,000, though the exact amount is not determinable in advance.

Mr. Forrester bid 14½ cents per square foot for plank roadways, 7 cents per square foot for plank walks, 29 cents per cubic yard for excavating earth, $1.50 per cubic yard for excavating rock and $34 per acre for close cutting. The plank roadways will consume 560,000 square feet, and the plank walks 112,000 square feet. The excavation work is in connection with the sewer system which is going to be put in.

The contract was awarded yesterday at a meeting of the executive, at which the bids were opened and examined, and it is expected that Mr. Forrester will get to work without loss of time. The climate of Prince Rupert is such that open air work can be continued all the year round, and it is hoped that these much needed improvements will be completed by the time the lots are put on the market in the spring.

The work will be done under the supervision of J. F. Ritchie, the government engineer, and an engineer representing the railroad company.

LAWYERS LEAVE NELSON

A Number of Legal Practitioners Decide to Settle in Vancouver

There seems to be a general exodus of lawyers from the thriving town of Nelson, the reason appearing to be that having made a competency there they feel like wandering forth into wider fields. Most of them are making for Vancouver.

Not very long ago R. W. Hannington, who was at one time the partner of S. S. Taylor, K.C., in Nelson, left the Kootenay capital for Vancouver where he has entered the law firm of which J. A. Russel is the head. Rex Macdonald, another old time practitioner of Nelson, not long ago came to Vancouver and has entered the firm of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge. S. S. Taylor, K. C., when in Vancouver last month in attendance upon the sitting of the full court, announced his intention of coming to Vancouver to practice in the spring, and now comes the news that W. A. Macdonald, K.C., is also leaving Nelson for Vancouver. He is joining the firm of Geo. H. Cowan, M.P. Besides being M.P.-elect and having a large general practice, Mr. Cowan is solicitor for the city of Vancouver.

U. S. TARIFF

Preparations Made to Examine Steel Magnates Before Committee—Probable Action

Washington, Dec. 15.—In drafting the new tariff bill to be introduced at the special session of congress, the house ways and means committee is to give special consideration to the steel schedule. Chas. Schwab, the steel magnate, appeared beffore the committee today. Andrew Carnegie, who has been subpoened, it is believed will not appear until other steel men, including H. C. Frick and E. H. Gary, have testified before the committee. When the majority members of the committee complete their bill they will submit it to the Democratic members. The latter will offer the House a minority report unless the bill reported by the Republicans provides for the reductions that the Democrats favor. The main differences of opinion will be on the lumber, metal and pulp and paper schedules.

FOUR MEN INJURED

Premature Explosion of Powder in Hull Quarry—Laborers Unable to Escape

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—As the result of an explosion in one of the portland cement company's quarries at Hull this afternoon, four men are lying in Water street hospital, one of them in a serious condition, and two others slightly injured.

The injured are:

Thomas McKinstry, Wrightville, aged 32, fractured feet; Alphonse Belanger, Hull, aged 47, skull crushed and fractured; Selphas Bigras, Gatineau Point, aged 19, fractured shoulder and arms; Louis Guivrement, Ottawa, fractured leg. These men are in the hospital. William McEwen and J. Tremblay, of Hull, were less seriously injured.

Thos. McKinstry was connecting fuses for a blast at the bottom of the quarry and the blast occurred prematurely. The laborers had not time to clamber to a safe distance before the explosion occurred.

MEAT TRADE

Denial of Report Concerning Merger of Packing Plants—New Establishments Proposed

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—"There is absolutely nothing in the report from Chicago of a merger of the big packing industries of western Canada, so far as we are concerned. Despite the reports that have been published in the press, we are not aware that any negotiations are being conducted in Chicago or elsewhere which affect us. Our company is not a party to any negotiations of that character."

This was the statement made this morning by W. H. Fares, of the firm of Gordon, Ironsides and Fares, with regard to the merger said to be under negotiation at the Auditorium Annex in Chicago. Mr. Fares added that he did not know a single fact which would justify any statement connecting his firm with any proposed merger.

H. A. Mullins, a western cattle dealer, stated today that British capitalists will next year erect a packing plant at the new Winnipeg stock yards, to cost a quarter of a million dollars.

Calgary, Dec. 15.—It is rumored that the Nelson Morris company of Chicago purpose establishing a branch plant in Calgary. This statement is borne out by the fact that negotiations are reported as being under way with the Dominion Meat company of this city. The Morris company purpose capturing a large portion of the Western Canadian trade.

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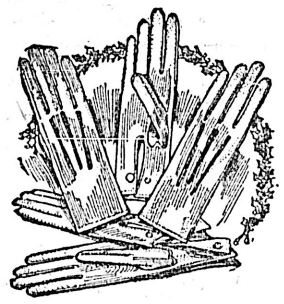

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LABOR COUNCIL IN REGULAR SESSION

Various Matters Transacted By Central Organization of Local Unions

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting last evening.

On behalf of the executive the president reported that, they had at the invitation of the Local Bookbinders Brotherhood attended a mass meeting of that body held for the purpose of receiving and hearing Robert Glocking, president of the Bookbinders International Union.

He reported that Mr. Glocking's address was one of the most interesting that the executive ever had the pleasure of listening to and it was much to be regretted that previous engagements prevented him remaining in the city long enough to address a mass meeting of all the Unions.

The executive also recommended that immediate steps be taken and all prospective candidates for Mayor or Alderman be interviewed and their opinion obtained on questions of grave importance to labor. Especially the adoption of a minimum wage scale to be inserted in all contracts that may be let by the City Council.

The secretary on behalf of the organizing committee, reported that a largely attended meeting of the Boilermakers of the city and vicinity had been held. Those present were very enthusiastic and there was every prospect of a strong Union being brought into existence in a short time.

The manager of the Standard Steam Laundry wrote to say that the Laundry employed none but white labor and paid the highest wages of any laundry on the Pacific Coast. The secretary was instructed to write and say that the council appreciated the above facts and would do its utmost to increase the business of the Standard Laundary.

The Laborers Union wrote asking the Labor Council to use its influence with the city fathers to bring about the establishment of a weekly pay day for all city employees. The secretary and executive were instructed to draw up a strong memorial in favor of a weekly pay day, pointing out the advantages of such a change, both for the workingmen and the business men.

The executive were also instructed to act in conjunction with the Laborers Union, with the same object in view.

Bills for goods from Weiler Bros. and the Victoria Book and Stationery Company were ordered paid.

The official year now drawing to a close called for the transaction of a large amount of routine business after which the council adjourned, until next Friday evening.

PASTOR PICTURES WONDERFUL SCOTLAND

Rev. W. Leslie Clay Lectures Delightfully on Auld Scotia

Rev. W. Leslie Clay delivered last evening, in St. Andrew's church, the second of his extremely interesting lectures, having relation to his tour in Great Britain and upon the continent, his subject being Scotland.

Beginning with famous Castle Rock, which was a fortified post from earliest historic times, and far back into the age of the Roman occupation, he mentioned one of its peculiar national treasures—"Mons Meg,"—with its history of 500 years, which, among its adventures was captured by Cromwell, but which burst in 1682 when it was being utilized in the firing of a peaceful salute.

Through the powerful agency of Sir Walter Scott, "Mons Meg" was, in 1829, restored from the Tower of London, where it had found a resting place, to its ancient home, amid the enthusiasm and the acclamations of the profoundly stirred inhabitants of Edinburgh.

Then followed in succession Edinburgh Castle, Queen Margaret's Chapel, the splendid Scottish Regalia, with King Robert Bruce's crown at the top, and the bejewelled swords of state, etc., which, long lost to sight, were happily discovered in 1817; St. Giles Cathedral, whose post-Reformation history marked an era in the annals of Scotland, and possibly in the annals of the world, when Jennie Geddes flung her stool at the preacher of the day, and in which John Knox, immediately after hearing of the massacre of St. Bartholemew's Day, while he prayed for the persecuted Huguenots of France, added his entreaty that the Lord would take Charles the Ninth by the nape of the neck and suspend him over hell, but "dinna let him fall in," (laughter); John Knox's house upon High street; High street itself, once the resort of the greatest nobles and the most stately dames in all Scotland, now the resort of the wretchedly poor and embellished with the humble products of the washerwoman's skill; the ancient and beautiful palace of Holyrood, with its picturesque and ruined chapel, whose former glories are now only revived during two weeks of the year, when it is occupied by the Lord High Commissioner of Scotland and his retinue; Arthur's Seat, the deservedly famed Princes street, with its magnificent monument in commemoration of the wonderful genius of Sir Walter Scott, the author and the man, the wizard of the north and the undaunted facer of wholly unmerited and finally conquered misfortune; stately Abbottsford; Dunfermline, firmly believed locally to be the most ancient town in all of Scotland. A general view of Edinburgh, the Athens of the North, the pride and the glory of the entire Scottish race, was also given. Sir Walter Scott peacefully closed his eyes upon this world in his beautiful home, in itself a remarkable monument to his untiring genius, patience and courage, upon the 21st of September, in the year 1832, having remarked upon his death-bed that in all that he had written, he had never attempted to undermine any man's faith, nor to corrupt any man's principles, nor had he penned so much as a single word, that in so solemn an experience, he would wish to have blotted out. (Applause).

"May we all," added the lecturer, with much earnestness, "pray that we may be able to make a similar statement, when the same eventful period arrives in our lives." (Applause).

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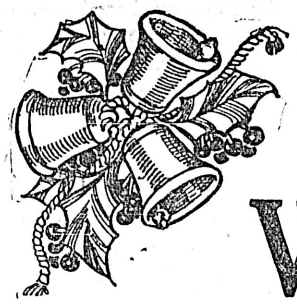

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The Corrig College and University School soccer teams met yesterday afternoon on the Beacon Hill grounds for the first time this season, and after a most enjoyable game, the Corrig boys proved victorious by 5 goals to nil.

It was by no means as one sided as the score would indicate, the University boys having almost as much of the game as their opponents, and with a little more practice in marksmanship, they would have given a much better account of themselves.

In the first half, with the hill against them, Corrig contented themselves with defensive work, Bell-Irving, the 'Varsity forward, being a source of great danger. On changing ends, with two goals against them, scored by Pat Fraser and W. V. Church, the University visibly tired, and the Corrig boys were not slow to take advantage of this, and with the hill in their favor, they kept the ball in the vicinity of their opponents' goal for the major portion of the second half. C. Totty then scored a pretty goal from a pass from his brother, and shortly afterwards, S. Hawksley met a poor goal kick, and scored with a fine low drive.

University now endeavored to retrieve their position, and made frequent raids on the college goal, J. Fraser in goal having a warm ten minutes. From a foul close in, Bell-Irving almost scored, and good combination on the right wing between Tatlow and Woodward, almost met with its reward a moment later. Then the game became more exciting, both sides contesting every foot of ground, and the backs were kept constantly on the move. But with only a few minutes to play, E. Totty ran through, and scored with a puzzling shot, which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

No further scoring took place, and the game concluded with each team giving three cheers for their opponents and both uniting in three for Mr. Sparks, who gave every satisfaction as a referee.

Corrig College results to date stand: Played, 8; won, 5; lost, 1; drawn, 2; goals for, 16; goals against, 9.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

His Worship Mayor Hall is to be congratulated upon having called the citizens together to hear an account of the stewardship of the City Council during the current year. We do not know that this is the first time such a thing has been done, but it certainly ought not to be the last. The practice might be adopted as a general rule. The citizens have a right to know what the municipal authorities are doing and they can learn more from a speech than in any other way.

On the whole Mayor Hall made an interesting and satisfactory statement, and his record of the year's work much more than justifies the action of the citizens in making an effort last January to secure a "business City Council." One notable thing in connection with the year's record is the absence of friction at the Council board. Everything has gone along smoothly, and nothing in the nature of a quarrel has marred the proceedings. There has been plenty of discussion but very little talking to the galleries. The Mayor and Aldermen seem to have realized that the people expected them to attend to the public business, and they have bent all their energies in that direction. Perhaps they have not done all that some of us thought they ought to have done; doubtless they have done some things which others think might have been better left undone; but it has been a busy year in municipal matters—much has been accomplished, and the confidence of the public in the city government has been fully restored, as is shown by the fact that the ratepayers have given the Council all the money it has asked for.

The one thing about which people complain the most is the condition of the streets. For this there may be some ground, but for a great deal of it there is none. No doubt the streets in the centre of the city, except where they are paved, have never been in a worse condition than they are just now. But what was to be expected? A double system of water pipes is being laid down, and this has made it necessary to break up the surface, with the result that there are oceans of mud. But as you cannot make omelettes without breaking eggs, so you cannot lay water mains without digging up the earth, and since the beginning of things earth and water have made mud. Moreover few people realize how greatly the traffic is increasing upon the city streets and how much heavier the vehicles and their loads are becoming. This is a growing city, and municipal growth brings many inconveniences in its train. In the residential parts of the city the streets are in many places sadly in need of repair, but we are bound to say that a great deal of work in this direction has been accomplished, considering the limited sum of money at the disposal of the City Council. The repair work has not always been done with very good judgment, but is is not quite reasonable to hold the Mayor and Aldermen responsible for such details. These come under the supervision of the permanent officials, who have not always exhibited an appreciation of the best way of doing things.

In regard to the water supply, the views of the Colonist are well known and we see no reason to change them, but we freely admit that the raising of the Elk Lake dam, the laying of new mains from the lake, the Smith's Hill reservoir and the stand pipe near Rockland Avenue seem likely to afford the city a much-needed temporary relief. They will not meet municipal requirements very long, but for a few years there ought to be an adequate water supply under satisfactory pressure. Further supply will have to be provided, and the water question will be a live one in civic affairs until the best available source has been secured and the city has been furnished with all the water likely to be needed in the next twenty-five years at least.

From a moral standpoint the affairs of the city have been very well conducted. No one pretends that vice, immorality and intemperance have been abated, or will claim it to be within the power of any municipal government to abate them; but we think it can fairly be alleged that during the year these things have been kept under restraint to a degree not surpassed in any previous year of the city's history. We do not care to discuss such matters unnecessarily, but there is one aspect of them which has to be very tactfully handled, for, in respect to it, suppression often leads to worse results than restriction. It cannot be suppressed; it can be restricted to narrow territorial limits.

While the Mayor did not make a political speech and deprecated the suggestion that he intended his meeting as a vote-catching expedient, we feel safe in saying that if the present Council board, with His Worship at its head, could be continued in office for another year, the citizens would feel every confidence that the affairs of Victoria would be wisely administered.

A "RED PAGE."

The Sydney, N.S.W., Bulletin, a high class illustrated weekly, prints what it calls "The Red Page." In the issue of November 12, it publishes some of seventy-four "national" songs which it has received. The poetical worth of the contributions is not conspicuous, but there is a sentiment expressed by some of the writers, which indicates the trend of public sentiment on a very important question. For example, one G. B. sends a poem entitled "God Save Australia," in which he refers to "the monkey power" and "Mongol hordes" and closes by saying:

"God keep thee White by your own
  might,
Your emblem a White Dahlia,
And may there be Race purity
  In loved Australia."

Not very good poetry this, but there is no mistaking what it means. Lillias Gordon says:

"Till the last red drop be spilt,
While we yet may hold a hilt,
We will guard our children's right,
We will keep Australia white;
For once the die is cast
'Tis Australia first and last
  With us all."

There is no mistaking what Oscar Walters has in mind, when, after telling what Australians have done for the Empire, he says:

"But fiercer we'll fight in our country's
  war, when we fight for our homes,
  our land, our God."

Or what W.L.D. is thinking of when he exclaims:

"Son! with tameless spirit haste
  To keep the home inviolate."

O. C. Cabot speaks of stern work that is to be done and says that "Australia needs men who are ready to die," and closes by asserting that "Alert and undaunted, Australia shall stand." In a spirited song entitled "The Bounding Kangaroo," H. Tate says:

"Make room for White Australia's sons
When the fleet of Australia fights for
  the sea."

Burnett Gray, in "The Spirit of Australia," says:

"We have raised the White Man's Ban-
  ner—yea have raised it to the sky.
We have sworn to guard its honor,
  or, if has to be, to die;
So let every man be ready—let each
  father and each son
  Read the ominous wall-writings and
  be ready with his gun."

"The Cross and the Great White Star" begins with this stanza:

"Red looming through the ocean haze
  The Pagan sun-flag's battle rays
  Darken Australia's sky;
But her hills and her headlands have
  flung afar
  The flag of the Cross and the Great
  White Star,
And our hearts as the hearts of heroes
  are
  —Now the women have said 'Good-
  bye.'"

Later the anonymous author speaks of

"The Great White Star of a tear-
  stained face,
And the lonely Cross of the Great
  White Race."

He speaks of the conflict which he sees impending and says:

"But the foe will again and again
  invade
This Holy Land of the last Crusade
Till the uttermost debt of blood be paid
  And the strongest race has won."

He adds:

"True to our fathers' high behest,
We guard the frontiers of the West
  From Asia's infamy.
Though an Attila spring with his
  powers unknown
At the Great White Star and the Great
  White Throne,
We shall stand to our arms—if we
  stand alone,
  Come death, or victory."

J. Alex. Allan writes "A Battle Hymn," in which these lines occur:

"And the wrestling bayonets drive
  and rip
For life and for land and a white
  wife's lip.
* * *
Watch, eyes, where your lazy vin-
  yards shine,
And you white wives smile and weave,
Lest an Orient foot crush down your
  vine
And a Western robber reive!"

Explanation of what these people have in mind would be superfluous. There is no use in shutting our eyes to the attitude of Australia as to the Oriental races. In Canada these peoples are objected to, but in the great southern Commonwealth they are hated. But the above is not all. On the editorial page of the Bulletin prominence is given to a poem called "The Battle," which contains this line:

"The Brown Man's world in harness,
  the White Man's world at Bay."

Editorially the Bulletin pleads for an Australian navy that "will incessantly patrol the Northern Seas," to keep the Orientals out, and says if this is not done "there will almost certainly one day be riot and murder and incendiarism and hangings and foreign complications of the worst sort." This is all very strong, possibly too strong; but it is well for the people of Canada to know how their southern brethren feel on a question, which is treated in the Dominion, outside of British Columbia, as one that is hardly worth serious thought.

DIVORCES.

The United States Census Bulletin dealing with divorce in that country prints a statement as follows: "The available data indicate that not less than one marriage in twelve is ultimately terminated by divorce." This is a remarkable state of things, and its effect upon the community can hardly fail to be very injurious. It is true that the New York American insists that this does not indicate any moral unsoundness in the community, and protests that the cause of this "distemper of our growing youth," are due to the fact that "our domestic traditions have been monarchical—have not given the women and children a fair chance," but how can such a contention be sustained, seeing that in Canada, where the domestic traditions are quite as monarchical as ever they were in the United States, divorces are so few that socially they are almost negligible. The American says that there is now a democratic revolution in process in family relationships, and when it is completed there will be fewer divorces in the United States than in other countries, but there are some who will fear the tendency of this revolution to be in the direction of relationships which are not marriage and hence can be terminated without the formality of divorce. However, the New York paper feels bound to admit that the country is "coming face to face with one of the primary issues of modern civilization." The Chicago News thinks the nation has gone in for experimental marriages, and in view of the ease with which a divorce can be obtained in some of the States, the suggestion is not very far astray. In at least one State among the causes for divorce is the opinion of the judge that the parties connot live happily together, and this is a ground which is tantamount to making marriage terminable at the will of the parties. If it is true, as most of us think, that the family is the basis of the State, there seems to be a grave element of dry rot at the very foundation of the United States as a nation. We do not hear as much nowadays as we used to about the State assuming the care of children, and we suppose that particular phase of the Socialist propaganda may be regarded as obsolete, but with the multiplication of divorces the rearing of a family or the existence of any family at all becomes more or less problematical. For the divorce habit is growing. The rate per hundred thousand of the population increased from 1870 to 1905 nearly 300 per cent and per hundred thousand of the married population at 250 per cent. So intimate are the personal and social relations between Canada and the United States, that we cannot on our side of the border afford to look upon this condition with a feeling of moral superiority; but must regard it is likely to have a very serious influence upon our own marriage institutions.

Montreal has just had a snow storm of over thirty hours' duration. Our friends in the metropolis are apparently going to get that winter palace whether they wish it or not.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab combats Mr. Carnegie's steel duty arguments—which may be taken as implying that while the latter has got all the money he wants there are other manufacturers who haven't.

Longboat has proved himself "the noblest Roman of them all" in present-day Marathon contests. Canada will get a great advertisement out of the Indian runner's remarkable victory over Dorando.

The United States needs a Von Buelow to take President Roosevelt out to some quiet place behind the White House and explain to him the dreadful fate which awaits a man who talks too much.

Emma Goldman has crossed to British Columbia from the state of Washington. No one should say "whoa" to this particular Emma—let her keep right on travelling while the going is good.

Of stories of the Kaiser and suppressed "interviews" there is no end. The latest, which comes from Berlin, is to the effect that the German government is endeavoring to regain possession of a gramaphone record of a speech by his majesty made five years ago for preservation in a collection of voices of immortals at Yale University.

One of the last acts of the Dowager Empress of China was to confer upon the Dalai Lama, of Tibet, the title, "Sincere and loyal Spreader of Civilization." As he was already "The Great Righteous and Complacent Buddha of the Western Heavens," he is certainly quite a personage. Verily the ways of the Orient are not our ways.

It sets one thinking to read the following special telegram from Pekin to the North China Daily News: "Decree in response to Yang Shih-Wsiang, Viceroy of Chihli, granting ten sticks of great Tibetan incense to be burnt at the altar of the Dragon King Temple as a mark of Imperial gratitude for a peaceful Yellow River this year."

It is very gratifying to note the many evidences of progress in the mining industry in Kootenay. The latest announcement is to the effect that the Canada Zinc works have been started on regular reduction runs. Obviously this means a great deal for the industry in Kootenay and for Nelson, which city seems about to enter upon a new era of progress and development.

There seems every probability that the "All-Red" cable project will at no very remote date be un fait accompli. A special cable dispatch from London reads: "There is not a jarring note in the editorials of the press regarding the proposals for state-owned cables. It is recognized that the movement received a big impetus at the Mansion House meeting."

The British post office is now handling wireless messages. The first station in England was opened last week. It is situated at Bolthead, on the Devonshire coast, and is intended primarily for communication with ships at sea. Mr. Buxton in a speech at the opening intimated that a series of similar offices would be scattered throughout the United Kingdom.

Montreal is wrestling with the problem of Sunday theatres, and several test cases have been taken into court. The people who dwell in Eastern Canada are in the habit of regarding the West—the last West—as rather a lawless and "wide open" sort of country, but we wish to tell them that at no point in British Columbia would Sunday theatres be tolerated for a moment.

Apropos of the battle royal now in progress between President Roosevelt and the New York World over Panama canal affairs, it may prove of interest to mention that steps are being taken looking to the organization of an association for the purpose of commemorating the opening of the canal in 1915. It is proposed, if the scheme is found feasible, to hold a world's fair at Panama. Many of the most prominent men on the Isthmus are said to have heartily endorsed the plan.

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a past master in the arts of diplomacy has always been conceded by even his most aggressive opponents, and this essential to successful leadership was never better exemplified than by an incident which occurred at Ottawa the other day. The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ottawa, having asked Sir Wilfrid if he would support woman suffrage, he sent them a letter in which he states that this is a matter for provincial legislation before anything can be done in the Dominion Parliament.

The London Times is about to inaugurate an enlarged Canadian news service and Mr. Fred. Cook, of Ottawa, the veteran special correspondent of that paper in the Dominion, has sailed for England with Lord Northcliffe to discuss the details of the scheme. Mr. Cook will have charge of the improved service and we are sure will give every satisfaction in that capacity, both to the Times and the people of Canada. The amount of attention now being paid affairs in the Dominion by British publications is really flattering in the extreme.

That a serious view of the outlook in the Near East is taken by British commercial and financial circles is evidenced by recent enquiries at Lloyd's concerning rates of insurance. A London correspondent, cabling on December 9, said: "An anti-war premium of 25 guineas per cent. was offered today to cover total loss in the event of war between Servia and Austria on or before March 9, but few underwriters were willing to accept. Those seeking insurance were holders of stocks the prices of which are liable to slump in the event of war. The underwriters are charging 12 guineas per cent. against loss by a war between Austria and Turkey during the next three months, merchants and ship owners trading with Black Sea ports being the insurers, as well as stockholders."

To the man on the outside it seems as if the New York World has the better of President Roosevelt so far as the wordy war goes. The President's message to congress was about as unstatesmanlike a document as ever saw light. The World's reply is dignified and a good deal the sharper of the two. Mr. Roosevelt seems to have taken leave of his good judgment. In the whole history of the United States Congress no such message has ever been laid before it as that which the President recently sent it. The point involved, namely, the question of graft in connection with the purchase of the French interest in the Panama canal, sinks out of sight in view of the extraordinary personal controversy which has arisen. If a prosecution is instituted against the World there will be important results, quite apart from the disclosures in connection with the canal.

If the Times will quote a single instance when during the late campaign or at any time since December, 1907, on which the Colonist attributed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier the expression "I do not care for your sentiments," we will print it in the most conspicuous part of the Colonist in bold type and apologize for having used the expression. Let the proof be forthcoming or let the slander cease. The Times further says that we are disturbed "now that almost the entire press of the country, irrespective of party, is directing attention to its shameless conduct." We repeat the offer made above and will reprint conspicuously any quotation to the above effect which the Times will publish. We apologize to our readers for this reference, but it is impossible to permit such wilful and malicious statements to pass unnoticed. They are accepted as true by some people, if they go uncontradicted. Colonist readers know that not on a single occasion has this paper attacked the Times or its editor, and yet day after day, week after week and month after month the Colonist has been subjected to such attacks. This is the last time we shall pay any attention to them, except to republish what our contemporary may print in response to the above challenge.

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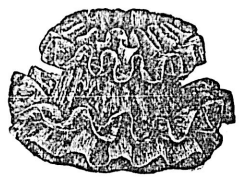

Perhaps you are planning something unusual in the way of table decoration for your Christmas Table this Xmas. Then you'll surely need something in the candle or electric shade line.

And here is just where you need us—our shades. We have a great line of Paper and Silk Shades for this holiday time, and with shades priced so low you'll find it an easy matter to have your "unusual" table—easy on your purse especially.

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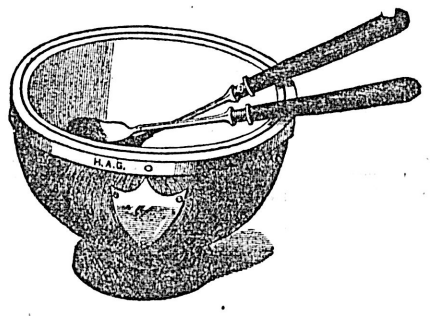

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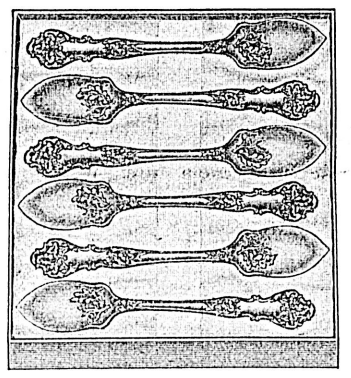

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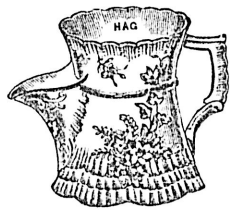

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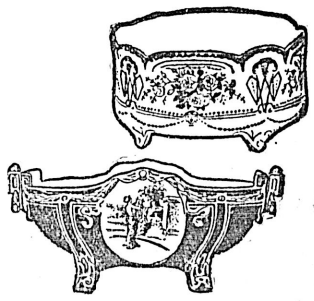

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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Montreal Witness does not believe that the United States will "cut much figure" on the Pacific for a long time to come. Its argument is extremely interesting, especially to the people of British Columbia, who have some small concern for the future control of the ocean which washes their shores, and we therefore reproduce it in its entirety:

With its invariable egotistical exaggeration the United States press is glorying in the recent "agreement" with Japan, which the government dare not call a treaty lest the senate should maul it, as involving a joint control of the Pacific. In view of the fact that Great Britain has territory abutting on the Pacific, and a commerce thereon greater than theirs, that is a pretty cool assumption. This control, as the phrase is, is going to be exercised in friendly commercial rivalry. If that means anything it means rivalry for the carrying trade of the Pacific. In that competition the chances are all on one side. The United States has rendered an ocean business impossible by her own acts in her exclusive navigation laws, her high tariff, and the consequent high cost at which she must do things. These artificially high standards can be kept upon land, but on the sea there must be open competition, and all the odds in this case are in favor of Japan. Meantime Britain has a vastly greater maritime stake on the Pacific than both of them put together. As between the United States and Britain only one of two things can alter this disproportion—the introduction of protection into Britain, on which, if it were effective, her mercantile marine would collapse, as that of the United States did when the Morrill tariff became law, or the reduction of the United States tariff to a revenue basis, the result of which would be such an expansion of the maritime life of that country as might throw that of Great Britain into a second place. If the United States wants to rule any waves more than three miles from her shores this, and this only, is the way to do it.

John Bull is being warned often enough that he must be up and doing if he would be in a position to cope with other powers in the matters of airships for offensive and defensive purposes. Only the other day we had a reference to the alarming note sounded by Sir Hiram Maxim, and now the Duke of Argyll has taken his turn in uttering a warning that the country will yet regret bitterly the indifference with which it continues to regard the whole subject of aerial conquests from a defensive point of view. The Duke delivered a speech before the British Aero club, which is thus summarized by a London correspondent:

"The best thing that could happen," said the Duke, "in order to awaken the public to a proper appreciation of its position would be the appearance of an airship, preferably steered by a German, French or American driver, some fine morning stationary above the Bank of England. This might bring home to the people the fact that under these conditions they cannot expect always to have England to themselves. Frontiers are fast being obliterated by machines such as the Wright brothers have made possible and every nation recognizes it except the British." The Duke's speech was described on the programme as a "Peril of the Future." His remarks included an account of the efforts which are being made at Aldershot and also in Scotland to turn an effective British model aeroplane. He explained, however, that these things are not enough, as from public subscriptions must come the funds with which to train aviators, as has been done in France and Germany. Men who had money to spend, must spend it for the patriotic cause, he said, of "Keeping England an Island," which it will no longer be. England must keep the supremacy of the sea—that went without saying, but it must now also have the supremacy of the air.

The New York World has made the startling disclosure that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan eats pie. Just imagine a metropolitan newspaper having such a paragraph as this before its readers:

J. Pierpont Morgan has a private diningroom fitted up in his banking house at Broad and Wall streets, and he goes there with his partners at 1 o'clock each afternoon. They sit around a small table and during the meal discuss the events of the day. In this way no time is wasted from business, and the digestions of the firm's members are materially assisted. Mr. Morgan frequently takes a small cup of bouillon first, then a chop or piece of steak, and always a piece of pie. The pie habit he acquired from his New England ancestors. To finish with, he takes either a cup of tea or coffee and a long black cigar. This lunch satisfies the world's greatest banker.

We had a reference a few days ago to the announcement that the C.P.R. would establish a department of Industries. The Manitoba Free Press makes this allusion to the scheme:

The work to be done by this new department will correspond closely with that which is now being done in this city by several agencies, especially the Industrial and Development Bureau. The Canadian Pacific department will, however, deal with the entire western country from Port Arthur to the Pacific coast, including all parts of the four western provinces. It will have back of it all the resources of the Canadian Pacific railway with all the information which is available at all times from the agents of the company. This will be the first direct effort on the part of any Canadian railway company to afford information to men who are seeking locations along its lines, although the work had been done to a certain extent in the past by all the railway companies. Similar work has been done by a number of the American railways, but not on the same plans which have been adopted in this respect by the Canadian Pacific. The announcement to be made by the company next week will probably contain the names of the officials who are to be charged with the supervision of this new work.

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FORTY YEARS AGO

The British Colonist, Thursday, December 17, 1868.

April in December.—The state of the weather yesterday.

We learn that Rear-Admiral Hastings and staff will attend the opening of the Council today. We presume a guard of honor will be detailed for service on this occasion.

We hear that plans have been got out for two brick stores on the corner of Fort and Government streets, the work to be commenced early in the spring.

We learn that Mr. Thomas Westgarth, inspector of boilers, has been appointed inspector of weights and measures, vice J. M. Sparrow, resigned.

The Legislative Council will be opened by His Excellency the Governor for the dispatch of business at 2 o'clock today. The old Island Assembly Chamber has been placed in order for the reception of the Council.

The telegraph wires went down last night beyond San Juan Island.

Masonic Ball—We understand Vancouver Lodge, No. 421, will celebrate St. John's Day by a ball on Monday, 28th inst.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Lord Iveagh, who is elected Chancellor of Dublin University, graduated from Trinity College before his father became a baronet, and was, says the Westminster Gazette, subsequently awarded the Doctorate, but he sent his own son to Cambridge. The new Chancellor has been a munificent benefactor to the University, and contributed largely towards the erection of laboratories. Of the other two names submitted by the Senior Fellows to the electorate, Lord Pembroke has little obvious connection with Dublin, beyond being the holder of the Pembroke township from the Corporation; but Lord Ashbourne is a distinguished son of the "Silent Sister," where he still presides over the Historical Society.

The Earl aand Countess of Portarlington gave a house party at Emo Park, Portarlington, for covert shooting. The town from which the title was taken was, says the Evening Standard, once known as Cooletoodera, later on it became the property of Sir Henry Bennett, afterwards Lord Arlington, in the time of Charles II., and the name was changed under what was known as the "Act of Explanation." Until comparatively recently there was at Port Arlington a number of descendants of French and Flemish refugees who settled there after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The estates passed to General Ruvigny, Earl of Galway, by grant of William III.; he again was deprived of the estates by the "Act of Resumption," and they were subsequently bought by the Dawson family (Earls of Portarlington) in 1785. Emo Park is about five miles from Portarlington, and is a fine house.

Powerscourt Castle, in County Wicklow, where Viscount Powerscourt is, was visited by George IV. in 1821, during his visit to Ireland, and among the most interesting room is the grand salon, where the king was entertained. It is a vast apartment, 80 feet long by 40 wide. The Castle was originally built by De La Poer, a knight in Strongbow's compaany. James I. gave the property to Sir R. Wingfield in 1608, he being created Viscount Powerscourt ten years later. Since that date the peerage has been twice extinct, and was revived for the second time in 1743 in favour of an ancestor of the present Lord Powerscourt.

It is pretty well known, says M.A.P. that, notwithstanding his steady application to its study, began before his marriage, the King of Spain does not seem to make the headway he would wish in the speaking of English, no matter how proficient he has become in his ability to write it. An amusing story has been going the rounds lately of a visit which his Majesty paid to Prince Louis of Battenberg's flagship Prince of Wales at one of the Spanish ports in the Mediterranean recently. King Alphonso was shown over the big battle ship, and took a keen interest in everything he saw, as is his way. When it was all over, and just before he took his departure the entire ship's company was mustered on deck to give him three cheers before he, left, for, the visit being an informal one, there was no saluting. Surveying the solid mass of brawny bluejackets, flanked by both red and blue marines, drawn up before him, he felt suddenly inspired to address them in praise. Holding up his hand, he exclaimed in a loud voice "You marines are very beautiful!" It was all the officers could do to restrain the laughter of the sailors, who of course took it as a special compliment to the "jollies;" but when it was explained that the King had meant "mariners" they were quite happy.

Taking a list of 400 eminent men as a basis, an American physician, Dr. W. A. N. Dorland, has lately been attempting to generalize about the age at which a man of genius may hope to produce his masterpiece. Various pursuits are curiously bracketed together in his list of ages, which runs as follows:—Chemists and physicists, at the age of 47; dramatists, poets, and inventors, 44; novelists, 46; explorers and warriors, 47; composers and actors, 48; artists and divines, 50; essayists and reformers, 51; physicians, surgeons, and statesmen, 52; philosophers, 54; astronomers, mathematicians, satirists, and humorists, 56; historians, 57; naturalists and jurists, 58. Granting that Dr. Dorland has made his selection fairly, and that his arithmetic is correct, the Springfield Republican shrewdly points out some lurking fallacies in estimates of this kind. First, we must remember the premature death before the age of 40 of many men who, if they had lived longer, would probably have surpassed the best work they left behind. Then there is an element of chance, as when a great war enables one military genius to distinguish himself at 30 and another at 60. Then there is often as much genius in an inventor's failures as in his successes. The man of letters, when he has passed through his immature and tentative period, takes up a big subject which gives expression to the chief things in his mind. "After that, even though his powers are unimpaired, he has done his main work, and has neither the fresh material to work on nor the incentive to abnormal energy." Accordingly, one must reach the conclusion that "the production of a masterpiece does not necessarily mark noon."

BRITISH OPINION

London Times:—The National Convention, which met at Durban last month to discuss the union of the four South African Colonies and adjourned somewhat abruptly about three weeks ago, has now reassembled at Cape Town. Both the length of the adjournment proposed and the change of the meeting-place from Durban to Cape Town came as a surprise when first announced, since the original intention had been to sit perseveringly at Durban until the negotiations had either been completed or had definitely failed. There is, however, no reason to suppose that either decision was dictated by other consideration than the convenience of the delegates. Those of them who hailed from the Orange River Colony were anxious to revisit Bloemfontein in order to ascertain and so far as possible repair the dislocation occasioned by the disastrous fire which recently destroyed a considerable part of the fine government buildings which stood in the centre of the Orange River capital. Another serious consideration was that several of the delegates were suffering from the heat, which is often trying upon the east coast at this time of year, and seems to have told most severely upon Sir Henry Villiers, the President, and Mr. Steyn, the Vice-President, of the Convention. Sir Henry de Villiers, the Chief Justice of Cape Colony, has brought a dignity and influence to the post of President which no other South African perhaps was so well qualified to assert, and his absence would undoubtedly have proved a serious handicap to the work of the delegates. The article from our special correspondent which we have published this week provided for English readers an interesting picture both of him and of other leading figures in this memorable gathering of distinguished South Africans. Not least striking is that of Mr. Steyn. Among many personalities which have left their mark upon South African history none perhaps is entitled to greater respect and sympathy than his. Mr. Steyn, as President of the Orange River Colony, showed the sterling quality of his character by the fidelity with which he threw in the lot of his people with that of the sister State at the outbreak of the war. One of those most severely tried in the course of hostilities, he has reaped least from subsequent developments; and his presence at the Convention, although with weakened powers and stricken health, is perhaps the most significant of the many indications which point to a change of temper in the South African world. The statement upon the work of the Convention which he made to our special correspondent some two or three weeks ago shows that the loyalty which he formerly gave to the cause of Boer independence he is now prepared to give without reserve to a united South Africa beneath the British Crown; and we can take the devotion with which, in spite of illness and constant suffering, he then maintained his faith to the Dutch regime as true measure of the value of his support today in achieving the union and reconciliation which would not have been possible in South Africa, but for the bitter test and final verdict of the war.

The proceedings of the Convention have from the outset been wrapped in wise obscurity. The labours of the delegates had nothing to gain from, and might easily been wrecked by, the interested comment of this or that section of the public or the press upon their resolutions as these were being framed. To be judged fairly by the various shades of South African opinion, their work must be judged as a whole. Piecemeal criticism would almost certainly have proved for the most part unfavorable; but when the full proposals are known, the various conflicting interests will be better able to realize that what they might have lost in one direction they will have gained in another, and that none can profit in any direction except by compromise. The attitude of the public in the various states, when the Convention produces its scheme, is indeed the chief anxiety which remains, since it is clear, from the pace at which the Convention is concluding its work, that no obstacle has so far proved insuperable. Telegraphing from Durban immediately after the adjournment, our correspondent was able to state that the drafting of the Constitution would in all probability be concluded a month after the sittings were resumed at Cape Town. If nothing occurs to mar this expectation, the draft should be submitted to the various Parliaments in February, and another Convention would perhaps be necessary in order to reconcile differences and give the Constitution its final form. So strong, however, seems to be the belief in the success of the work of the Convention that he mentioned a general hope of sending the Constitution home for ratification during the next session of the Imperial Parliament. We sincerely trust that this widespread and most welcome opinion will not be belied by the event.

If it is not, that result will, undoubtedly, be due in considerable part to the Transvaal delegates. They not only came to the Convention with a definite understanding upon the essentials to be kept in view, but they have shown throughout the proceedings a spirit of co-operation which reflects the greatest credit upon Boers and Progressives alike. Our correspondent's account of the manner in which they have addressed themselves to the task of reconciling racial feeling and rival interests may perhaps not unreasonably be taken, together with the declarations made by Mr. Steyn, as earnest of the dawn of a new era in South African politics. The influence exerted by the presence of the Convention upon its immediate surroundings in Natal has, to judge by the very interesting message from our correspondent which we printed on Tuesday, been reflected to some considerable extent in other parts of South Africa. "In Eastern Cape Colony," he said, "the feeling in favour of unification is growing, and the same feeling is much stronger in Orange River Colony than when I was there less than two months ago." The reassembling of the Convention at Cape Town may perhaps lead to a similar movement of opinion at the centre of affairs in the mother colony. Meanwhile, the smoothness of its deliberations hitherto gives reasonable cause to hope that the delegates will be able to agree upon at least one principle of fundamental importance which was certain to be among the first to be discussed. That principle is the assurance of an equal vote to every white man in South Africa. The endeavor of one section or another to maintain an unequal franchise in its own racial or local interests has hitherto been the chief cause of the disagreements which have disfigured and embittered South African life. A decision, on the part of the representatives of the different Colonies to allow no such stain upon the character of the constitution which they are cimmissioned to shape would be the surest and most effective sign that the South African people are uniting to take their proper place in the great family of progressive nations which owe a common allegiance to the British Crown.

"The Daily Chronicle" says:—The Irish Land Bill inhroduced by Mr. Birrell yesterday touches two large subjects. They are different in their scope but they agree in that each is essential to any lasting settlement of the land question. One refers to the congested districts. The proposal here is to take compulsory powers for breaking up the grazing lands. The choice, said Mr. Birrell, is "between the cattle and the people," and the Government votes for the people. The choice is prudent, but the question is perhaps not quite so simple as Mr. Birrell puts it. The cattle trade is one of the most important of Irish industries, and great care will have to be taken that in voting for the people as against the cattle a means of the people's subsistence may not be reduced. The other part of the bill tackles a problem which we have often explained. The finance of Mr. Wyndham's Land Act was altogether at fault. The amount of money required to buy out the landlords is much greater, and the price of land stock is much lower, than he anticipated. Roughly speaking, we may say that for every £100 in Mr. Wyndham's calculation a sum of £200 will ultimately be required, and that to get each £100 of cash the Treasury has to issue £113 of stock. The cost of interest and sinking fund on each the Act upon the Irish rates when £13 of excess stock will fall under certain other Irish funds are exhausted. What, then, is to be done to hasten the rate of purchase without casting a grievous burden upon the Irish rates? The British taxpayer will guess the answer without reading the details. The charge is to be transferred to the Imperial Exchequer. The additional burden is estimated at £34,000 a year on pending bargains—not an excessive amount if, as we must hope, it contributes to the peaceful resettlement of Ireland.

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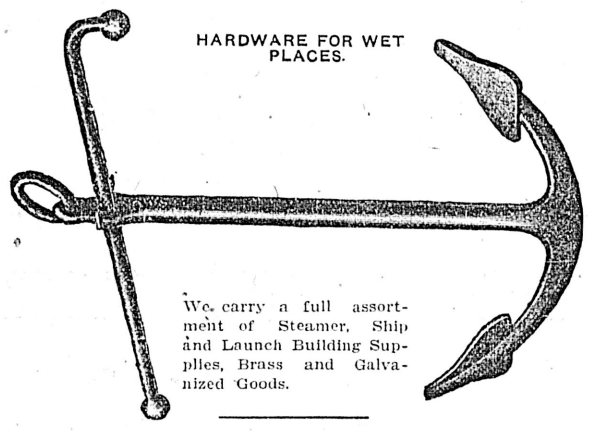

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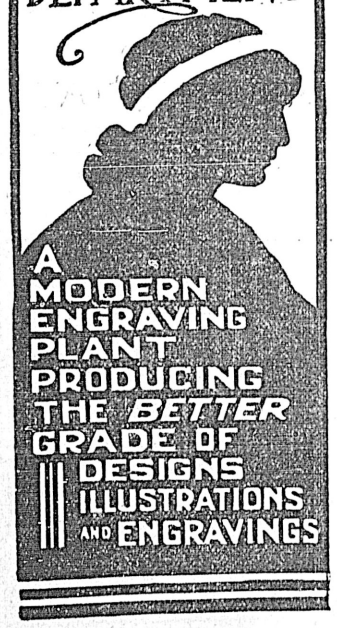

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Instead of accepting from 22 to 24 shillings, the prevailing rate for grain, the owners have purchased cargoes of wheat and will send their ships home, hoping to sell the cargoes at a figure that will net them at least the expenses of the voyage. To all intents and purposes the vessels on the books of the companies are receiving the union rate and if there is any loss it will be charged to the cargo. Thus the owners have not broken the terms of the union agreement.

The French ship Laennec, loading grain in port, and German bark Magdalene, which will take wheat at Tacoma, are getting union rates, having been fixed several months ago, when higher freights were offering. No one will say what the prevailing rate for grain is as the charter market is seriously depressed. However, a steamer was fixed last week, Portland to United Kingdom, at 24 shillings, which is about the same as has been offered for the past month.

Mary Gross, 5 years old, of Lebanon, Pa., was burned to death by her clothes igniting from a celluloid comb she had set on fire.

NEWS OF THE CITY

Council of Board to Meet.

The council of the Board of Trade will meet, not this morning, but tomorrow, Friday morning, at 10:30 o'clock.

Santa Claus for Orphans.

A Christmas tree and entertainment will be held at the Orphanage, Hillside avenue, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29, from 3 to 6 o'clock. It is expected that Father Christmas himself will give away the prizes and gifts.

Sale of Work.

The young ladies of St. Mary's Sodality hold a sale of work at the Institute Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, the 19th inst., where they will find a good selection of novel and appropriate holiday gifts. The cosy tea-room will be in charge of the Misses L. and N. Gray, while toothsome dainties for the little people will be provided at the candy booth. A good musical programme has been arranged. The proceeds will be devoted to furnishing a room in the new wing of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Horse Resurrected

The horse and rig belonging to Porter Bros., which went over the embankment in front of the Parliament buildings on Tuesday morning was recovered yesterday. During the low tide of the night before a rope had been passed round the animal's neck and yesterday morning by the help of a steam winch on the tug Leebro, he was hoisted high into the air with the rig dangling from him and dropped aboard. But for the wetting the rig and harness are none the worse. The unusual spectacle was witnessed with interest by a number of spectators.

Cheap Christmas Rates

For the first time in the history of this part of the coast cheap Christmas excursions will be given as is done in the east. Northern Pacific agents have been notified that on the company's main line and all branches west of Hope, Idaho, new Christmas rates of a fare and a third for the round trip will be given. Tickets will be on sale on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 31, and Jan. 1, with a limit up to Jan. 4. For Victorians who wish to make short trips over Christmas to Portland and other points the reduced fare will prove an attraction.

School Holidays

The city public schools will close on Friday afternoon for the Christmas holidays. For a whole week the pupils will be free of their scholastic worries and be able to enjoy the season's festivities to the full. In many of the schools the usual closing exercises will be held when extensive programmes of songs, recitations and other numbers appropriate to the occasion will be given. These closing exercises will be held at Victoria West, South Park and Spring Ridge schools according to notification made to the school board and it is likely that in the other schools some species of entertainment will be given.

Gardiner Sent to Jail

Louis R. Gardiner, who claims to have been employed by the city on the Smith's hill reservoir construction work, was sentenced yesterday by Magistrate Jay to five days in the provincial jail on a charge of drunkenness. Gardiner was observed on Tuesday night trying the door and windows of Capt. Tooley's residence, Esquimalt road. Two of his companions who were waiting for him, saw Provincial Constable Conway approaching and disappeared but Gardiner failed to notice the officer until the gate through which the latter was quietly approaching creaked and warned Gardiner of the proximity of the police. He ceased his attempts to find an opening into the house but before he could levant he was arrested and brought to the city. As the man was quite drunk at the time of his arrest he was not charged with any more serious offence than that of being intoxicated.

Friendly Help's Appeal.

At Christmas time special gifts of clothing, groceries and meat, etc., are made to certain poor old people, of the Friendly Help Society, who are known to the district visitors, and the hampers are a very real source of pleasure. There is no doubt that those who can help with money or donations in the past will come forward again this year, but with so many new residents a special appeal is made. They may have come from less favored places, where poverty is rampant and have subscribed to relief organizations. It is hoped that they will be ready to respond to this appeal, and feel that they are adding brightness to some homes in Victoria. Donations in cash should be sent to Miss M. Lawson, 100 Kingston street, as soon as possible, and any gifts of new garments, groceries, etc., to the Friendly Help rooms at the Market place, which will be opened on Saturday and Monday from 10 to 4. On Tuesday the district visitors will be in attendance to make arrangements for the distribution.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Walker.

The remains of the late Herbert Wellington Walker, who died at the Royal Jubilee hospital on the 14th were laid at rest yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. T. E. Hollings, at the residence of Mrs. Bullen, 975 Frederick street, at 2:30 p.m. Many friends gathered to show their sympathy with the bereaved family and a wealth of floral offerings were presented. The cortege proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery where interment took place. The pall bearers were: H. Young, L. C. Monk, J. Renfue, D. Wittier, W. Maynard, F. Carne.

Hutcheson.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Baird Hutcheson took place from W. B. Smith's undertaking parlors, Yates street, yesterday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock; Rev D. McRae conducted the services. There were a large number of floral offerings. The pallbearers were: Alex. Simpson, G. Marsh, D. Robertson, R. Roberton, M. Wilson, J. McPherson.

Russell.

The funeral of the late Joseph Russell took place last night from the Eagles Hall at 8:30 o'clock to the C.-P.R. wharf for shippment to Seattle for cremation. Frank Le Roy and D. T. Barnhart accompanied the remains There was a large assembly of members of Victoria Aerie No. 12 of which deceased was an esteemed member. Members of the Socialist party, the Cigar Makers' Union and Ancient Order of Foresters assembled in a body. The pallbearers were F. Le Roy, D. T. Barnhart, of the Eagles, J. C. Watters and M. McGregor of the Socialist party and J. P. Bryne and J. L. Smith of the Cigar Makers' Union.

THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 16, 1908:

SYNOPSIS.

A vast area of high pressure central in Saskatchewan and Manitoba now stretches across the whole region from the Pacific to the great lakes; the pressure on the coast being only comparatively high and a storm area being central in Utah where snow is falling at Salt Lake City; rain has fallen on Vancouver Island but since the forenoon the weather on the Pacific slope had been mostly fair and moderately cold. East of the Rockies the weather in the Prairie provinces continues fair and cold.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	36	43
Vancouver	33	42
New Westminster	34	..
Kamloops	20	26
Barkerville	18	32
Atlin	8	20
Dawson, Y. T.	6 below zero	
Calgary, Alta.	10	..
Winnipeg, Man.	18	22
Portland, Ore.	34	42
San Francisco, Cal.	44	54

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Thursday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Northerly or easterly winds, generally fair and cold at night.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold at night.

WEDNESDAY.

Highest	43
Lowest	36
Mean	39

Rain, .11 inch.; sunshine 4 hours, 30 minutes.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria meteorological office, December 9th to 15th, 1908:

At Victoria there were registered 11 hours and 12 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature 50.5 on 12th; lowest 33.5 on 15th; rain 1.17 inches.

At Vancouver—Bright sunshine 5 hours 42 minutes; highest temperature 49 on 12th; lowest 33 on 14th; rain 3.46 inches.

At New Westminster—Highest temperature 48 on 12th; lowest 34 on 10th; rain 3.22 inches.

At Kamloops—Highest 50 on 12th; lowest 18 on 15th; precipitation .15 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest 38 in 12th; lowest 6 on 10th; precipitation .32 inch.

At Atlin—Highest 38 on 10th; lowest 2 on 13th; snow 1.80 inches.

At Dawson—Highest 24 on 11th; lowest 12 below zero on 13th; snow 14 inches.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.

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The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish High Water from Low Water.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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Australia and New Zealand

Close—Dec. 4, 13.
Due—Dec. 16.

Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.

Close—Dec. 1, 9, 15, 18, 25, 29, 30.
Due—Uncertain.

Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.

Close—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.
Due—Dec. 1, 5, 10, 12, 18, 25, 28, 31.

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The second annual banquet of the officers and members of the Young Men's Baraca Bible class of the First Baptist church, was held in Victoria hall last evening, Mr. J. L. Beckwith acting as toastmaster. The hall was handsomely decorated, and almost every member of the class was present. The toasts included: The Province, the City, the Baraca Class and its objects, the Athletic Committee, the Philathea, Young Ladies' Bible Class, the Press, and Our Visitors. The speakers included: Messrs. H. Beckwith, Geo. Y. Bishop, Ald. W. A. Gleason, Geo. Carter, R. W. Coleman, Rev. Christopher Burnett, N. Shakespeare, Rev. G. W. Dean, W. H. Parsons and A. T. Frampton.

Songs were contributed by Messrs. P. R. Pomfret, J. A. Marion, L. H. Finch, J. Sherratt and G. Watton. The pianist was Mr. A. R. Dobson.

Natural History Society Meeting.

The last evening of the Natural History Society for the present year, will take place on Monday Evening, next, in the Library building.

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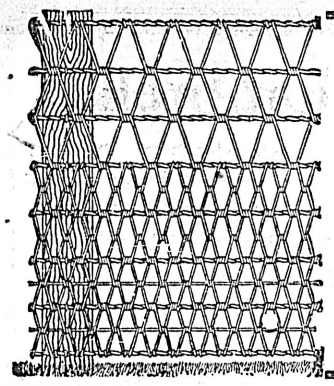

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At the last meeting of the council of the Royal Geographical Society in London, Eng., on Nov. 30th, Mr. J. S. H. Matson, of this city was elected a Fellow. He was proposed by Col. G. Earl Church, seconded by Mr. J. F. Hughes. The Royal Geographical Society has as its patron His Majesty the King, with His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as vice-patron. Major Leonard Darwin is the president for the current year. The society was granted a royal charter of incorporation in 1859.

It was, however, founded in 1830. Previously and since the dawn of British exploration and discovery, geographical work had been done without regular organization. It was commenced in 1555, when Richard Eden published his "Decades of the New World." It was continued by a succession of collectors of voyages and travels, Hakluyt, Purchas, Harris, Astley Churchill, Pinkerton, Dalrymple, Kerr and Burney.

The Royal Society from its foundation published occasional geographical papers and promoted the invention and improvement of instruments useful to travellers. Sir Joseph Banks was the constant and very active patron of geography from the time that he became president of the Royal Society until his death in 1820. His mantle fell upon Major Bonnell, while from 1818, Sir John Barrow, the secretary of the Admiralty was the great promoter of voyages of discovery. In 1788 the African Association was founded for the promotion of discovery in the interior of that continent and the labours of its members culminated in the discoveries of Mungo Park, of Denham and Clapperton and of Lander.

The Raleigh Dining Club, founded in 1827 which mapped out the world into so many divisions corresponding to the number of members, at least one of whom had visited the district assigned, was allied with the society and finally in 1854 its affiliation with the R. G. S. became complete.

On July 16th, 1830, the constitution of the society was adopted. The first vice-president was Viscount Goderich afterwards Earl of Ripon. The vice-presidents were Sir John Barrow, Sir John Franklin, Colonel Leake and Mr. Greenough. Four hundred and sixty names were enrolled on the list of Fellows including the King, fifty officers of the army, all the leading statesmen of both parties including the Duke of Wellington, then Prime Minister, and men eminent in all branches of science.

The objects of the society are the accumulation of new geographical knowledge, the maintenance of a library and a collection of maps for the use of the members, granting assistance to travellers and research, the training of explorers, the raising of the standard of geographical education and the dissemination of geographical knowledge. The society owns its own rooms at No. 1 Saville street, London.

In the gift of the R. G. S. are two Royal Gold Medals through the generosity of the Crown which are awarded annually to the most distinguished travellers and geographers together with four money awards,—the Murchison Grant, the Back Grant, the Gill Memorial and the Cuthbert Peek Grant.

The society's medal is the height of the ambition of most geographers. In 1907 it was presented to Captain Roald Amundsen for his voyage through the northwest passage and to Dr. Francesco Moreno for 20 years' explorations in South America. This year it was awarded to Lieut. Boyd Alexander for exploring the upper waters of the Nile's basin and to H. S. H. the Prince of Monaco for his study of oceanography.

Mr. Matson met various officials of the R. G. S. in London recently and as a result of information with regard to British Columbia with which he supplied them, he has been honored by election into this notable body. Mr. Warburton Pike of this city is also a member of the society.

LARGE ADDITION TO THE CITY'S BUILDINGS

Handsome Wholesale Premises for Herald Street—Many Permits Issued

Yesterday was a record day so far this year in the number of building permits issued and the value of the buildings which it is proposed to erect. Six permits were issued for buildings which will aggegate in value $58,600. These latest additions bring the month's building figures up to $84,550 and the total this year to date to $1,102,265.

Among the permits issued yesterday was one to the W. & J. Wilson company, which will erect a handsome two storey and basement business block on Herald street to cost $25,000. The building, of brick and cement construction, will be of a most substantial character and will form a fine addition to the city business premises. Work has already started on the excavation. The plans were drawn by W. C. Frame and the contract for construction has been let to Luney Bros., contractors.

Another substantial building on which the construction will commence at once is the Chinese School to be erected on Fisguard street, above Government street. The plans, drawn by W. C. Frame, call for a two storey building of concrete and brick construction and will contain ten rooms adapted to the purpose of a school. The architecture will be of Chinese style, the whole building to present a unique and handsome appearance. The cost of the building will be $12,000.

George C. Mesher took out a permit for six dwellings which will be erected on Hulton street at the corner of Cowan street. Each dwelling will be one and one-half storeys, on stone foundation, the entire cost to be $16,650. Mr. Mesher also secured a permit for a dwelling to be erected on Pendergast street to cost $1,850.

Other permits issued was one to B. Rivercomb for a dwelling to be erected on Denman street to cost $2,500 and to James Donegan for a dwelling on Wilson street to cost $600.

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MUCH BOULEVARD WORK DONE DURING THE YEAR

Over Eight Miles Have Been Laid—Parks Board Meets

With the exception of a summary of the work done by the parks board for the year, the parks board had few matters of importance before its meeting yesterday. The difficulty of getting the members to attend the meetings was again demonstrated when, after a considerable delay, the meeting was called to order with just a quorum present. The report submitted by D. D. England, superintendent of parks and boulevards, was as follows:

I hereby submit a summary report of work done to date. I find it is impossible to give a complete report as the accounts are not yet made up but a more complete report of the year's work will be contained in the next report. I may say that considerable improvements have been made at Beacon Hill park including the leveling and cleaning out of roots, etc., and seeding some twenty thousand square yards of lawn. A nursery of some thousands of seedlings and young trees now exists. Improvements have been made to the animal pens, and twice as large an area of the park has been maintained as was maintained in any previous year.

The Park was practically saved from fires by energetic measures on the part of myself and staff. A considerable sum of money was realized from the sale of hay. The dog nuisance is almost abated, though considerable expense, damage and loss has been caused by the dogs in the earlier part of the season. The greatest drawbacks I have encountered are the shortage of water, the scarcity of connections and the lax methods of the past. These matters will be more fully dealt with in my annual report in January.

North Park

Considerable work has been done at North Park where much more requires to be done.

James Bay Embankment

The slope at James bay and the shrubbery at Bastion square have been maintained by the board this season, making another additional expense.

The following streets were boulevarded, some of them begun in past years, but finished this spring. The remainder are now finished except the last one, making in all about eight and a half miles frontage, and those streets where the final charge has been made up, have been much below the estimated cost.

The following are the streets boulevarded up to date: Elliot street, part of Superior street, Michigan street, the whole of Medana street, Clarence street, South Turner street, Belleville street, Humboldt street, Rupert street, Heywood avenue, the Park front, Mears street, Linden avenue, Ormond street, Elford street, Richmond street, Rockland avenue, Third street, Hillside avenue, Garbally road, Dunedin street, Vancouver street. The cost of maintenance has also been within the estimate.

Quadra Street Cemetery

This square, while not directly under your board, has been laid out and is now a park, the whole work has been done within the estimated cost, and is now a credit to the city and should be under the control of the board next season. It needs no comment of mine to indicate that the transformation has been a great boon to the surrounding neighborhood and to the city at large.

Gorge Park

Nothing has been done here except that a part of the bridge was broken and it has since been repaired.

Superintendent England was instructed to confer with Mr. Plimley and ascertain if it will be possible to arrive at some arrangement whereby the latter's store, at the end of Niagara street, opposite Beacon Hill park, can be used as a waiting room for those patronizing the street cars. Complaints have been made at the lack of any shelter for passengers while awaiting for a car. The B. C. Electric company has offered to put up one of its ordinary waiting rooms or, if the city desires something more ornamental and extensive, to contribute an amount equal to what would have to be expended in erecting the customary shelter. In the meantime however the board will ascertain if an arrangement can be arrived at with Mr. Plimley and nothing further will be done until Mr. England reports.

The request of John N. Mason for permission to erect a small boathouse on the beach opposite the termination of Government street was also referred to the parks superintendent.

Railing Required.

Superintendent England referred to the necessity of the board erecting some sort of railing along Belleville street at the top of the incline between the J.B.A.A. club house and Government street. The place is a dangerous one for children who, should they fall off the sidewalk, would roll down the incline and either be injured by coming in contact with the stone coping at the bottom or go into the water. The matter will be taken up later.

Mayor Hall suggested that the board should adopt some policy and recommend it to the incoming board, whereby those portions of land, such as on Pandora avenue and elsewhere, could be improved and made attractive. Once this work is completed the cost of maintenance would be small, while the improvement in the appearance of the streets would be great. As another meeting of the board will be held soon this matter will then be considered.

A number of accounts were referred to Alderman Henderson to examine and ordered paid if found correct. Those present at the meeting were: Mayor Hall, Aldermen Cameron and Henderson and F. B. Pemberton.

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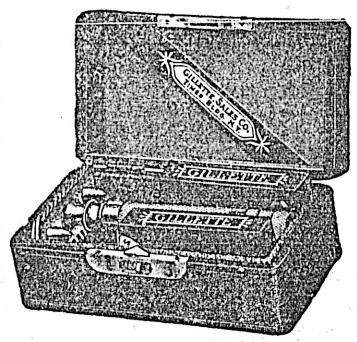

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But lo! the toddling comes to lure
My parent ear with timorous knock.

My heart were stone could it withstand
The sweetness of my baby's plea—
That timorous baby knocking and—
"Please let me in, it's only me."

I threw aside the unfinished book,
Regardless of its tempting charms,
And, opening wide the door, I took
My laughing darling in my arms.

Who knows but in eternity
I, like a truant child shall wait
The glories of a life to be,
Beyond the Heavenly Father's gate?

And will that Heavenly Father heed
The truant's supplicating cry,
As at the outer door I plead,
"'Tis I, O Father, only I!"

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HERE AND THERE

There is a tendency among some Canadians to over estimate the progress of their country, men in the realm of art and literature. This is perhaps more dangerous than the opposite one of thinking little of that which is done at home.

Canada is a very young country. Her people have been occupied in earning a living. While doing this they have in little more than a century opened up half a continent. They have felled the forests, cultivated the land, made highways on land and water, built ships, dug mines and engaged in commerce. They have risen early and gone to bed late and most of their waking hours have been occupied by hard and unremitting labor. They have had little leisure for study and less for amusement, but in five generations they have done much toward developing a country rich in resources. This work is going on and will still for no one knows how long. We may well be proud of what has been done by the five or six generations of Canadian men and women; nor has this been all. Men have found time to read and to think. Canada has produced statesmen that would have been great in any country but for the most part the powers of her great men have been applied to practical purposes. Few have had time to dream and it is from among the dreamers that the artists come.

Yet here and there have been those who with brush or pen have essayed to show to others the beautiful images formed in their own minds. The success, of some has been acknowledged by accredited judges, both in the United States and in Great Britain.

These have been the few. The work of the greater number has been, as was to heve been expected, wanting in beauty either of conception or of execution or of both. This is not a reason for discouragement, scarcely for regret. When we think that even in Great Britain with its great population, its wealth and its leisure, the number of great poets, novelists or painters in the present generation has not been large, we may well take courage.

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There is, however, a danger that Canadians shall be satisfied with their own achievements. There are those, who wants the children's schoolbooks to be filled with selections from Canadian authors and who would have reading clubs study the works of Canadian poets and novel writers. If we hope that Canada shall ever become a nation famous for its writers, as it surely will become eminent for its success in other directions we must set before ourselves and our children the very best models. We must learn what is good and what is worthless in literature. For this we are not left to ourselves. We are in a very real sense "The heir of all the ages."

The whole field of literature lies before those who would make selections for the study of the children and only the best should be gathered. There are few of their elders who would not be benefited by a study of the books of a few Canadian authors but it would be folly to confine themselves to such authors. There is no danger so great as that of mistaking what is false or what is commonplace for that which is true and beautiful. We cannot all study books of criticism and perhaps we would not be better if we could but we can all read the masterpieces of English literature and in this way will our taste be best formed.

It is quite different with painting Very few people in Canada have the opportunity of seeing really good pictures. Art galleries are the product of an older civilization than ours. But these things had a beginning and in Canada, young as she is there are true artists, men who work for the love of their work and not for wealth or fame. Their number will increase as the years go on. But here again, while we are proud of our own, we must not imagine that they excel.

In the Winnipeg Free Press, Mary Markwell points out in eloquent words that nowhere in the world are there such a variety of beautiful subjects for the painter's brush as are to be found in Canada. Of her own home she says: "Take the great plains of the middle west; in its boundless spaces you have a landscape school in itself. The misty dawns of morning—the glowing hours of lengthening summer days the long-drawn purple shadows of evening—and that intangible night "with its thousand stars," and a brooding silence which is as stirless, as profound as death and enternity.

An appreciation of beauty is the first step towards its reproductions and many Canadians have that.

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We shudder when we hear of cases of destitution in the crowded cities of the Old World. Yet here, in Canada, where our own wheat fields produce enough to feed many times our population, there are cases of destitution than which nothing could be more sad. The following story is from the Toronto Mail and Empire and shows that men and women will often suffer agony, physical and mental, rather than apply for charity.

"A sad case of absolute destitution was discovered by the police yesterday, in which a family of five were living in starvation in one cold, dingy room. The police were made aware of the hardship by a prominent citizen, who received a letter from the father explaining the circumstances. He asked not a thing, but an opportunity to work to keep his family from starving, and said that he would do anything that would bring him in a few dollars. He has been through the South African War, serving in every engagement, and has both the King's and Queen's medals.

"A detective was sent down to the house and found that the man had not in the least exaggerated his position. There were three children, one in a dying condition, the father and the mother. None of the children had either shoes or stockings on, and but very few clothes. There was practically nothing left in the room, the father having disposed of everything to buy bread. He said that he had brought the sick child to the hospitals, but it had been refused admission. He said that the child had been examined by doctors and that he was told nothing could be done for it.

"The city relief officer sent some food to the place yesterday and the police will likely get work for the man today. In the meantime Chief of Police Grasett will be glad to receive anything any citizen may wish to send the afflicted family."

There is no loneliness so terrible as that of a stranger in a city has often been said, but it is not often that the truth of this is shown in so sad a way. The want of interest which citizens take in one another is responsible for much suffering. Was there no one who met the father with his sick child on his way to or from the hospital who noticed that they were in distress? The lesson should not be lost upon any woman in our own city. Every day there are strangers coming among us. The charitable societies are ready to give help but we all know that the best of those who may be in distress will not apply for help as long as they can do without it. There is something for us to do as individuals as well as members of societies.

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A short time ago a young Nebraska girl went to Omaha to study music. She was talented and attractive, and very soon made friends among her fellow students, who made much of her and invited her to their homes. It was, however, discovered by someone that the girl worked as a servant in a house in order to obtain the use of a piano and earn money to meet unexpected demands upon her purse. The heartless girls who had formerly made much of her now cut or shunned the young musician. She, worn out perhaps with overwork, was unable to bear the slights and indignities placed upon her by those whom she had come to regard as friends. She went mad and is now an incurable patient in an insane asylum. The pain which in a country professing to be democratic, women can inflict upon one another is very great. A delicate, refined, sensitive nature suffers much from such undeserved slights. It is quite true that the esteem of girls who would consider honest work a disgrace is not worth having. None the less such heartless women have it in their power to do much harm. In Canada, as in the United States, such snobbery is but too common, and it is never so unlovely as when shown by young girls.

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An extraordinarily brilliant spectacular effect was produced yesterday afternoon shortly after sunset by the rays of the sun falling upon the jagged edges of a heavy bank of clouds, which hung in the sky across the strait, over the Olympian range, the clouds being fringed with a narrow band of light of the brightest and most beautiful description, resembling molten gold or burnished brass, or molten glass, only with a brightness and a brilliancy that could not possibly be supplied by these materials in their highest form of incandescence. This wonderful effect lasted for some twenty or thirty minutes.

Very curious to the occidental mind are some of the ways of Arabia and other Mohammedan countries. A traveler says: "One of the objects of the most anxious solicitude for Mohammedan parents is the shielding of their children from the evil eye; any person expressing admiration for a child except by pious ejaculation or the invocation of blessings upon the prophet fills the heart of the parent with apprehension. When children are to be taken into the street their faces are often even smeared with mud or greasy substances lest their comeliness should attract attention, and in order that the person of the child itself should escape attention gaudy and glittering ornaments are hung about it, and written charms sewn into leather medallions suspended from its neck.

"One of the best of Arab characteristics is that of filial piety. Sons and daughters of deceased parents take upon themselves all sorts of irksome tasks accounted as expiatory of the minor faults committed by the departed ones during their lifetime, and discharging faithfully every payment or obligation left unfulfilled by dead parents, for has not the prophet said that martyrdom even will not atone for an unpaid debt?

"Eloquence is accounted the greatest of all possible gifts. According to Arab tradition, the most superlative degree of eloquence was attained by King David, such being the beauty of his diction, added to the poetry of his words, that when he declaimed the psalms even birds and wild beasts were spellbound, while on some occasions as many as 400 men died from the excess of delight induced by his reading."

To Make Good Coffee

There are several points in the making of good coffee that must be borne in mind. The coffee itself must be a good article and freshly roasted. The pot in which it is made must be perfectly, immaculately clean. The water should be freshly boiled, the "sparkle" still in it. The coffee must not be boiled longer than five minutes and is still better if it is kept just below the boiling point. If allowed to stand and boil the aroma is lost, and the bitter tannic acid that spoils the taste and irritates the stomach is extracted. Lastly, the coffee must be well scented and always served—excepting for after dinner—with cream, or at least hot (not boiling) milk.

In buying coffee one is largely dependent upon the dealer, as there is often no choice. Most people prefer the proportion of one-third Mocha to two-thirds Java, but the Mocha does not always come from Arabia, nor the Java from the island of that name. The best coffee is fermented. The berry is surrounded by a pulp like a cherry or cranberry. When fermented a fine film is formed which no machine can take off.

Coffee may be roasted and ground at home, if preferred; but it is now usually quite as well to buy the coffee already roasted, and to grind it as needed.

There are several ways of making coffee, but the most common method is boiling.

Allow one heaping tablespoonful of coffee to each cup of boiling water. Scald out the coffee pot with boiling water. Put in the amount of coffee needed, mixing it with a little cold water and the white of an egg or a square inch of isinglass. When eggs are high an eggshell crushed will answer in place of the white of egg. Shake together thoroughly, then pour on the fresh boiling water. Cover the spout with a little twist of paper, to prevent the escape of the aroma. Stir well and push the pot on the back of the stove, where it will keep hot, but not boil. Add a few spoonfuls of cold water, pour out a little of the coffee in a cup and back into the pot again, to clear the spout of the grounds, and let it stand undisturbed for five or ten minutes to settle. Then serve as quickly as possible, as it deteriorates if left standing.

Drip or filtered coffee is made in any double coffee pot fitted with one or more strainers. Allow one cupful coffee, ground very fine, to a quart of water. Measure out the coffee and heat it in a saucepan until it steams, stirring continually. This brings out the flavor. Then place the coffee in the strainer, pour the boiling water in and allow it to drip slowly through the coffee. Repeat this process a second time. Then bring the coffee to the boiling point and serve. Some claim that cold water filtered two or three times through the coffee and then brought to the boiling point gives the strongest and best flavor, but this of necessity takes much time and attention.—Chicago News.

The Elder Sister.

It is better that the first child in a family should be a boy. Then if the father dies the post of head of the family falls on him naturally. He becomes its protector. Whether or not the father dies, the oldest child, if a boy, can stand between the younger children and the world, in their playcontact with it. True, there are no "little mother" possibilities in him, and he is an indifferent nurse; therefore, in many tenement families, the birth of a daughter as the first child is preferred.

That is one of the drawbacks about being an elder sister. She is too handy to have around the house. She becomes the maid of all work. We know of several charming women, now well along in spinsterhood, whose destiny unfulfilled may be charged to the fact that they were elder sisters. They were always nursing babies—somebody else's babies. The cares of the household descended on them prematurely, and their old-fashioned ways, the sobering marks of responsibility in face and manner, lessened their appeal to the captious and roving fancy of young men. To the handicap of diminshed opportunity was added the handicap of diminished charm.

It is well, then, for a girl to have an older brother. It is not always fortunate for her to have two or three younger sisters. Humanity's natural sense of justice has long discerned this. Jacob, if you remember, had to take Leah to wife before he was allowed to espouse her younger sister, Rebecca. The feeling, very marked among the Jews, and sometimes stereotyped into a custom, has strength among all peoples. In return for an elder sister's sacrifices, the family sense of fair play requires that her younger sisters shall not become her competitors. They are expected to stand aside, to remain in the background, until she has had a chance to annex a man.

Sometimes—pretty often, indeed—the event shows that the younger sister has not kept far enough in the background. The captious and roving fancy of the elder girl's "steady" is attracted by the vision of fresher charms in the same family circle, and woman's invincible foe, youth, strikes her down through the arm of a daughter of the same mother. Probably ten thousand novels and plays have been written about this theme—the characteristic theme of "Cinderella"—and apparently most of them have seen the light in England. The rivalry of sisters seems to be more definite and overt there than elsewhere.

"Shall the elder sister rule?" then, is at all times a live and poignant issue. The rebellion of the younger one against a rule represented as tyrannical is often a sympathetic episode, and sometimes the oldest daughter has a general popularity as slight as a stepmother's. The suitor, at any rate, will not have regard for the claims of primogeniture—unless they are reinforced by dowry discrimination—and he is a tame lover who will let the rule "first come, first served" determine his choice of a wife. Still, admitting numerous exceptions, the rule is a good one, as applied to sisters.—New York Mail.

The Eyes.

Early application to books so prevalent in this country, beginning in the nursery, is often less a tax upon the brain than on the eyes. The eye may fitly be compared to a camera. Notice how neatly it is made, set in a bony frame, covered with the softest smoothest surface, the lid armed with overlapping lashes, and furnished with clear, constant tears to wash away the dust. Just as the photographer has to move his camera nearer to or further from the sitter [illegible]sing, lowering, shifting until the im[illegible]e is correctly focussed, so the [illegible] with its muscles contracts or relaxes, admitting more or less light, so the head of the object is brought closer or withdrawn until the proper position is attained. The mechanism is similar, but the eye is incomparably more delicate. It changes with disease, weakness, poverty of blood, too rapid growth, too great prominence, too constant or improper use. All these weaken the sight, tires the muscles, disease the lids, and dulness, headaches and suffering result. The layman thinks nothing of slight eye troubles; to the family physician, seldom able to fit glasses, the eyes do not appeal. And so the trouble steadily progresses.

Headache is rare in early childhood. When your little one has a headache which will not yield to the simple aperient, go to the nearest eye specialist or infirmary. Never allow the dislike of wearing glasses to interfere. Glasses of any description are preferable to the squinting, blinking, and chronic complaining, to say nothing of the injury that without them is sure to develop.

The slightest inflammation of the eyes of the newborn is, in the absence of correct treatment, fearfully dangerous, going rapidly on to blindness, but inflammation of the eyes or lids at any time is a matter calling for an able physician's skill.

The important points of hygiene for the eye, and those which parents can and should enforce, are cleanliness and rest. Keep the eyes clean; be sure the towel has not been used by others whose eyes are red and sore; compel your child, from the time it gets its first picture book, to use its eyes only in a good light, in proper position and on clear print. Pitiy enough, it is only the hurtful and often indecent rubbish that is now found in the blurry looking issues printed on half-sized paper with broken-faced type, more injurious indeed for the mind than for the eyes. You may be sure that if with proper light, type and distance, the child is uncomfortable, something is wrong. The dislike for school and study often results from poor sight. It is not aldays near or far-sightedness; refractive and muscular errors are far worse, and here is shown the wrong of applying at the various jewelry and optical goods stores for relief. Glasses so obtained are generally as far from correcting the sight as may be expected from the doubtful answers of the patient and the haste and ignorance of the clerk.—Montreal Star.

The Exercise of Dancing

It is a rather curious fact that an interest in folk music and folk dancing should have been awakened in England at the same time as in America. In America the awakening seems to have had its origin in the desire of school managers and teachers to find some way of interesting children in singing and physical exertions, something better than monotonous drill on the military model. The idea was sound, for there can be no special reason why exercises devoted to make a good fighting man should be the best for boys and girls. In America the mixed nationalities in the schools have rendered it easy to bring into use many excellent examples of the wedding of song and faction the popularity of which has been established in various countries for many generations. In England the awakening interest seems to have been due to the same sort of feeling that made some people fifty years ago, very much to the advantage of their heirs today, buy and store old furniture; it was a regret to see beautiful old things lost or destroyed.

The German Crown Princess has sold her diamond tiara, worth $25,000 and devoted the proceeds to the widows' and orphans' fund.

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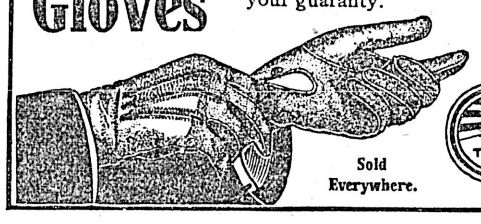

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NEW PHEASANTS BEING CARED FOR

Mongolian Game Birds Recently Imported Will Not Be Immediately Released

TO INCREASE NUMBERS

Proposed to Liberate Newcomers at Saanich and Among Gulf Islands

Twenty or more Mongolian pheasants reached Victoria from the Old Country a few days ago. The consignment consisted of double that number but half were kept by mainland sportsmen for liberation on the lower mainland. Those which were sent on to the Island were distributed among A. H. Mitchell, of Challoner & Mitchell; T. W. Paterson, and another Victorian. The former has placed his in captivity, allowing them the requisite amount of liberty, at his farm Saanich, while Mr. Paterson has had an aviary constructed for the accommodation of those which he has taken charge of on the grounds adjoining his residence, Fort street.

It is proposed to adopt every known means in the endeavor to bring the birds back to perfect health, they having received somewhat hard treatment in the course of their journey across the Atlantic and the continent. While some died en route the others, it is believed, will survive under the attention they will receive. Their eggs will be hatched by bantam hens, it being one of the peculiarities of the Mongolian pheasant to refuse to "set" while caged. When what is deemed an adequate number of healthy birds have been propagated Mr. Mitchell will give those imported and raised by him their freedom in the Saanich district while Mr. Paterson will take his to the Gulf Islands.

The reason Messrs Mitchell, Paterson and other enterprising Victorians have taken this step toward the improvement of the game of southern Vancouver Island, was because the Mongolian bird would cross with the ring-necked Chinese pheasant, now found in this locality, producing just as fine a species of game, for sport and for table use, as is to be procured in any part of the world.

A Timely Move.

It is the opinion of those who are conversant with the question that the move is well timed. They express the opinion that the ring-necked bird imported to British Columbia years ago and which has, since then, prospered is becoming "run down" because of constant in breeding. They assert that during the past season there has been apparent a marked depreciation in the size and quality of the new broods and the only reason they can find is that mentioned. Therefore the importation of the Mongolian type, it is believed, will furnish the new blood necessary to maintain the standard of the stock and, besides, will give the district in the vicinity of Victoria a species of game difficult to excel.

The choice of the Mongolian pheasant it is pointed out, is a peculiarly happy one for another reason. It is explained by those who have had experience in the Orient, the home of these birds, that it is rare that one variety will cross with another. Thus in the wilds of China a sportsman finds in the course of one day's hunting three or four distinct classes of birds. The opinion of local authorities is that the Mongolian is practically the only pheasant which would serve the purpose for which they are primarily necessary, namely, the improving of the present game. On this account, also, they think that the public spirited gentlemen who have borne the expense of bringing out the new type are entitled to the thanks of all lovers of the chase and to general credit from those who are anxious that Vancouver Island's reputation as the hunter's elysium field should be maintained.

DICKSON RETAINS BEAVER FRANCHISE

Boy Manager Will Stick With Champion Canuck Baseball Team

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A. R. Dickson, the boy manager, who won the Northwestern Baseball league pennant for Vancouver, this year, will again direct the destinies of the local club next season. The proposed deal whereby A. G. Halstead was to take over the franchise has fallen through and Dickson retains possession. Mr. Dickson wanted $7,000 for the franchise and players, but when the bidders failed to come through Dickson decided to continue at the head of the club. Dickson was not anxious to sell, anyway, as he looks for the best season in the history of the Northwestern League next year, with Portland back in the circuit. He was asked to put a price on the club and he did so, but nothing came of it.

J. B. A. A. Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the J. B. A. A. rugby team will be held in the club rooms this evening at 9 o'clock when all rugby men are expected to be on hand. Important business is on the tapis. A new secretary will be elected and arrangements made for the entertainment of the McGill University team which will play the J. B. A. A. stalwarts at Oak Bay on January 16th. This meeting will take place immediately after the Victoria Rugby practice.

VICTORIA RIFLEMAN SHOOTS IN SYDNEY

F. Fisher Comes Within Point of Capturing King's Prize at Sidney

Frank Fisher has had the honor of showing Australians the calibre of the riflemen produced by Victoria. In the past, residents of this city have shot in the British Columbia, the Ottawa, and the Bisley competitions with a success reflecting great credit on themselves and the community which they call home. But Mr. Fisher is the first local marksman who has essayed to uphold Victoria's hard-earned reputation in the Antipodes.

Word was received from the south by the last Australian mail to the effect that Mr. Fisher was one of the participants in the Sidney rifle matches. Purchasing a complete new outfit, including rifle and all paraphernalia, paying his transportation from a remote station to the city, and meeting an expense of some $30 or more for entrance he went into competition with the crack shots of the Commonwealth and came within an ace of capturing the highest possible honor, the gold medal representing the King's prize in the southern colonies.

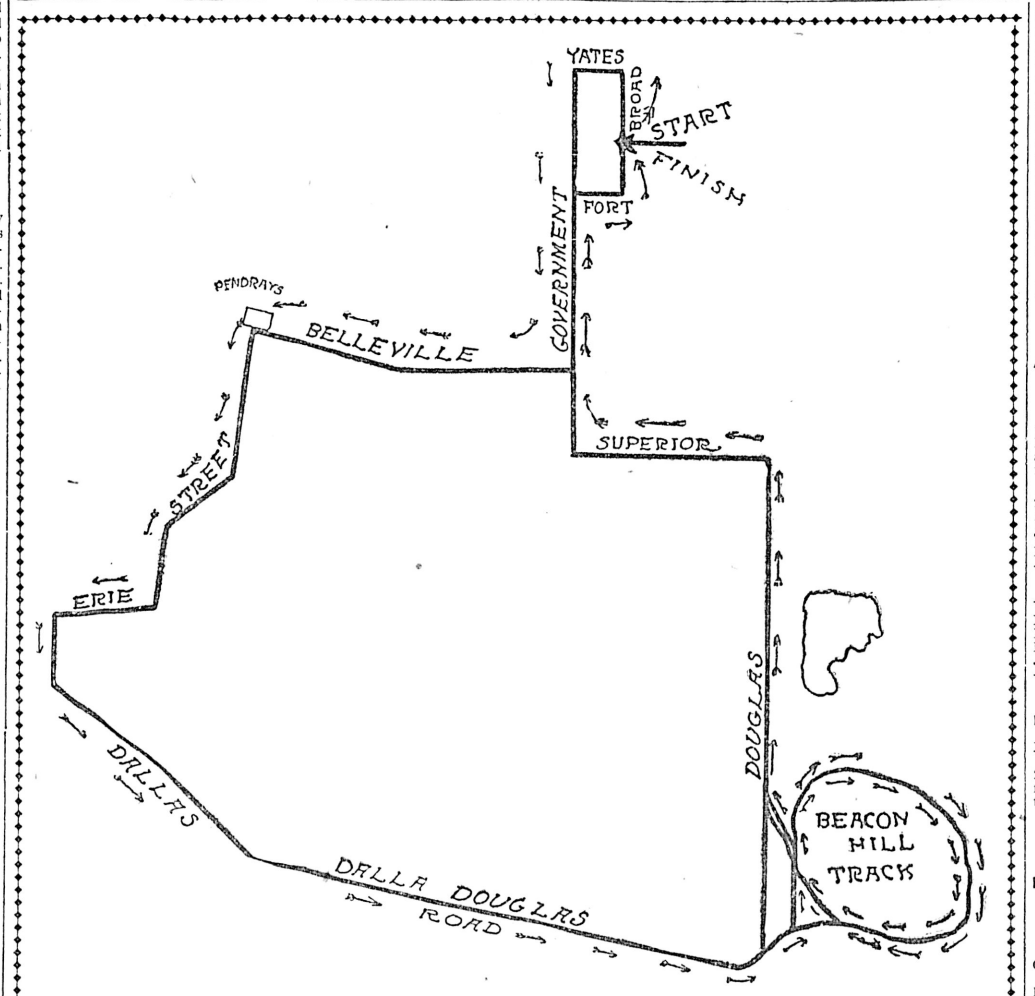
In order to establish such a record Mr. Fisher had to do some tall shooting. In the first stage of the big event he put on 32 at 200 yards, a possible of 35 at the 500 yards and 26 at the 600 yards. He was in the way of making just as fine a score at the latter stage. The first shots found the bull's eye regularly but, towards the finish, just as the trigger was touched a puff of wind swept across the range and the Victorian only got credit for an "outer," which, of course, played havoc with an otherwise remarkable average. However, he had got high enough to take a place in the second stage and in this he did even better. His score was 70 out of a possible 75, the gold medalist being one point to the good.

To lose by such a narrow margin, to quote Mr. Fisher, was extremely annoying. Still the place he achieved was not without honor, indeed the Victorian was the recipient of general congratulations. As it was his winnings were sufficient to more than cover the heavy initial expenses outlined.

RUNNERS TRAINING FOR Y. M. C. A. RACE

Long Distance Road Competition on New Year's Day Attracting Athletes

A plan of the route to be followed by those who have entered the Y.M.C.A. New Year's road race is published today. While it speaks for itself it might be well to give a general outline of it in order that those interested may obtain a perfectly clear conception of what the runners will be called on to do. Starting at the Y.M.C.A. quarters on Broad street, at 10.30 o'clock on the morning of the first of January, they will go to Yates, down that thoroughfare to Government, along the latter to Belleville street, thence following the inner harbor to Dallas Road, along the avenue to Beacon Hill, around the mile track twice, along Douglas to Simcoe and down Simcoe to Government, north along Government to Fort, thence to Broad and to the finishing point. The total distance is something over six miles. Already a large number of entries have been received. W. G. Findlay, the physical instructor of the association, expects that there will be no less than fifteen young men participating. There are some ten or twelve in line at present and more are expected to declare themselves at an early date. All are training earnestly and it is thought that F. Baylis, who heretofore has held the palm among local long distance runners, will have his work cut out to maintain the supreme position.



NEW YEAR'S ROAD RACE

Outline of route to be followed by competitors in six mile race, run for silver cup, gold and silver medale

London, Ont., has now 90 Chinese residents.

William Ingles, of Hamilton, is dead, aged 77.

VICTORIA RUGBY TEAM ANNOUNCED

Fifteen Men Who Will Meet Vancouver Saturday—List Mainland Players

Little remains to be done by officials of the Victoria Rugby club in preparation for the second match of the McKechnie cup series against Vancouver, which takes place on Saturday afternoon on the Mainland. The local players have drilled with praiseworthy persistence. Whenever a practice was called the attendance has been sufficient to permit a first class try-out and, consequently, the scrum work has improved, the three-quarters are working better together, and, in fact, the team will be as different in its style from the last match as is possible. Given a fairly dry turf they should win out, in the opinion of local experts, without much difficulty.

At a recent meeting of the selection committee the fifteen who will wear the red and white on the occasion of the first great battle at Brockton Point were chosen. They follow: Fullback, Johnson; threequarters, Meredith, Lowry, Gillespie, and Vincent; five-eighths, Gowen; halfbacks, Newcombe and Pitts; forwards, Graham (W. S.), Arbuckle, Hopgood, Miller, Benson, Spencer and Sweeney (L.) Reserves, (three-quarters) Thompson and Badham; (forwards), Jeffs, Plummer, Parker and Morley. These men, accompanied by several officials of the club and a large contingent of supporters, will leave by the Princess Victoria on Friday night, returning on Sunday. The hope is expressed that every man mentioned will make it a point to arrange to go away. However, should any find it absolutely impossible, they are asked to so inform Secretary-treasurer W. H. Spaulding, or Manager Moresby, as soon as possible.

Up to the present definite word as to the personnel of the Vancouver team has not been received. But it has been announced that it will be chosen from the following: Dick Bell-Irving, Gibson, McLorg, Brydone-Jack, Fryson, Ross, R. Johnson, D. McInnes, Lawson, Yates, W. Ellis, Shearer, Scott, Bryant, Jewett, Thomas, Stacey, Chaffey, Sawers, Moffat, Enser Murray.

TEAMS LOOKING FOR A PLAYING AREA

Cedar Hill and West Soccer Teams Can't Work at Athletic Park

There are three local senior league football matches scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Besides the matches between the James Bay and Garrison and the Victoria West and Cedar Hill teams the Esquimalt and Fifth Regiment elevens will do battle at Work Point. While it has been definitely arranged that the James Bay—Garrison contest will be held at Oak Bay there is some doubt as to where the Victoria West and Cedar Hill aggregations will line up. The announcement that they would play at the Royal Athletic grounds is erroneous it being impossible for a competition to take place there owing to the fact that the area is being ploughed preparatory to levelling and otherwise improving The suggestion has been made that the Wests and the Hills might occupy the second Oak Bay area but there is some doubt as to whether that will be possible. The Canteen grounds, Esquimalt, can hardly be utilized as a second division game is to take place there. Under the circumstances it appears likely that the Wests will have to journey to Cedar Hill in order to meet the representatives of that rural district.

Some dissatisfaction is expressed among officials of the Victoria District league in regard to the island league second division fixtures, the source of the trouble being that the two overlap. In all probability a joint meeting of officials of the organizations will be called to discuss the matter and endeavor to reach some generally satisfactory agreement.

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LIGHTWEIGHTS ARE HARD AT WORK

Merrifield and McGovern Are Training Faithfully for the Approaching Match

Kid Merrifield, who is matched to box Young McGovern in this city on the 28th inst., doesn't propose to neglect his training. Ever since it was arranged that the Victoria glove artist should meet the Frisco lad at the A.O.U.W. hall he has been hard at work. And, as far as that goes, so has McGovern. Both are drilling faithfully and their sparring partners are having some heavy work. The men will enter the ring in the pink of condition.

In order that he may have more freedom McGovern, in company with those who have him in hand, has hied himself away to the solitude of the Goldstream district. There, every day, he goes through the stunts which are calculated to lend power to his muscles, staying qualities to his lungs, and agility to his frame. Occasionally local enthusiasts board the morning train to pay him a flying visit and their reports are that he is a "likely looking lad," clever in the ring, and exceedingly smart on his feet.

Merrifield hasn't considered it necessary to leave the city. He and his managers deem the climate and surroundings of Victoria just as conducive to reaching perfection in physique as the rural districts. So the local boy has taken up his quarters at one of the gymnasiums. There he has convenient all the equipment necessary in training. Already he has taken off considerable weight and is confident that by the 28th he will be well under the weight limit of 128 pounds. He is feeling like a fighting cock, so he says; in fact never was in better trim previous to any of the thirty or more bouts in which he has been one of the principals.

The approaching match is exciting much comment among the fight fans of the city. Everyone seems anxious to see Merrifield pitted against one who is more worthy of his steel than those with whom he has been matched on the coast heretofore. It is believed that McGovern is the youngster who will be able to make the Victorian hurry and so there is a prospect that the A.O.U.W. hall will be crowded with lovers of the manly exercise on the night of the fray.

COLLIE HILL FIGHTS

Victoria Pugilist Boxes Draw With Vinson at Nanaimo

Nanaimo, Dec. 15.—Collie Hill and Jack Vinson fought 15 rounds to a draw before a fair-sized audience last night. The last round was the best of the fight and ended just in time to save Binson, who took the count several times, from being put down and out.

According to the article of agreement if both men were on their feet at the end of the 15th round the match was to be called a draw. Throughout the whole 15 rounds, with scarcely an exception, Hill had the best of the fight, although up to the tenth, Vinson had earned a decision. He forced the fighting and stood ready to take all that was coming to him, while Hill, on the other hand, contented himself with blocking Vinson's advances and looking for a sure thing. This did not prove popular with the crowd and much advice was given to the local man as to how he should take care of himself. From the tenth on, however, Hill got into going form, and the best that Vinson's friends could hope for was that he would last to the end of the fifteenth. A knockout for him seemed impossible.

OPENING MATCH OF THE HOUSE LEAGUE

Askland Beat Fairall at Elite Bowling Alleys Yesterday

On the Elite Alleys, Fort street, in the opening game of the House League last night J. Askland defeated W. Fairall by 116 pins. The scores were as follows:

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.	Ave.
J. Askland ...	120	163	184	467	155
W. McNair ..	97	132	146	375	125
Hurst	148	108	135	391	130
Thompson .. .	95	112	109	316	105
Renfrew	111	103	85	299	99
	571	618	659	1948	
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Tot.	Ave.
W. Fairall ...	146	139	154	439	146
Petticrew	121	106	118	345	115
Harris	109	127	123	359	119
E. Greenshaw.	107	90	90	287	95
J. Bell	101	114	87	302	100
	584	576	572	1732	

High score and high average: 184 high and 155 average; J. Askland.

Tonight F. Hick's team will play A. Mudge's team.

Prizes for next week from 21st to 26th: High average of three games of five pins, one turkey; and also high for three games of ten pins, one turkey.

OAKLAND RACES

Results of Yesterday's Events on California Track—Entries for Today

The results of yesterday's races at Oakland follow:

First Race—First, The Vicar; second, Banthell; third, Pops.

Second Race—First, Lord Provost; second, Warden Yill; third, Deneen.

Third Race—First Pallistinna; second, Almena; third, Cowen.

Fourth Race—First, Booger Red; second, Anna May; third, Bill Eaton.

Fifth Race—First, Cunningham; second, Yank; third, Belle Kinney.

Sixth Race—First, Don Enrique; second, Dr. Holzberg; third, Twilight Queen.

The programme and entries for today follow:

First race, ¾ mile, selling—E. Namour, Lookout, Bertha, Yakima Belle, Smiling Jack, Assay, Osceola, Semper Fidelis, Who, Harry Rodgers, Orlin Ormonde.

Second race, ¾ mile, selling—Gypsy King, Lady Carroll, Nagazam, Berryessa, May Hollander, Adena, Bal Reed, Reolesea, Taskmaster, Avona, Yankee Daughter, Dr. Mayer.

Third race, 1 1-16 mile, selling—Be Thankful, Billy Pullman, Nadzu, Northwest, May Amelie, Okenite.

Fourth race, 7 furlongs, handicap—Jeanne D'Arc, Handbridge, Coll Jessup, Col. Jack, Madman, Down Patrick, Early Tide, El Picaro.

Fifth race, 1 1-16 mile, selling—Confederate, Kelowna, Sir Brillar, Elevatiore, Fr. Lubbock, The Captaine, Standover, Paladini, Surety, J. R. Laughery, Vetrono, Pr. or Orange.

Sixth race, Futurity Course, 2-year-old—Bishop W., Fanatic, Light Knight, Collony, Incentive, Judge Cronin, Capt. Hansen, Marchesa, Footloose, Famuell Hall, Light House.

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AT HALF TIME

The trouble on the E. & N. railway which necessitated the cancellation of Sunday afternoon's train was rather hard on the hunters, many of whom had to forego their week-end trip into the country on that account. They especially regretted it because the end of the month marks the close of the season.

And still there is no word from Nanaimo as to whether they seriously intend competing for the McKechnie cup. Are the secretary and officials blind, deaf and dumb, must their silence be construed as a protest against Vancouver's action relative to the mix-up of last season, or is it simply contemptuous indifference. Surely now they will enlighten us by communication. This continued uncertainty is disconcerting.

It is settled. The California university rugby team will play three games at Vancouver on the occasion of their forthcoming trip north and Victoria won't have a look in. It's not a pleasant subject to reflect upon, but still there is the satisfaction that there is a bright prospect of the Californians next year being under the painful necessity of rating Victoria the chief British Columbia rugby centre. Wouldn't that be galling to Vancouver. Whew!

Last Saturday was a red letter day for the Terminal City. Their High School rugby, hockey and basketball teams came over here and walked off with three championships. This itself was quite a haul but it didn't end there. The local hockey team was beaten in Vancouver in a league match.

Bowling is booming in Victoria at present. Both the Douglas street and the Elite alleys, Fort street, are busy every afternoon and evening. House leagues are in progress at both and scarcely a day passes on which there is not a match of considerable excitement. Some local knights of the pin give promise of developing into experts able to stand against the best of Vancouver, Seattle, or any other centre where the pastime has long been popular.

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GREATEST SALE OF SEALSKINS

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FURS FROM MANY PLACES

Tragedies Marked Taking of Some—Hazard and Hardships of Pelagic Sealers

Today at London, Eng., the biggest sale of sealskins held for years, at which about forty thousand sealskins, worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars, taken by seal-hunters of many nationalities at cost of life and privation in many instances will be offered to the fur buyers that gather from Nijni-Novgorod to San Francisco at the metropolis for this sale. It is expected a good price will be realized this season. Last year the average price realized for the sealskins offered was $21.56, about $3 less than the amount realized in 1905 when the highest prices were paid for the fur seal pelts by the bidders at C. M. Lampson & Co.'s annual sales. The record price paid was in this year, 1905, when 13,000 Bering Sea and northwest coast sealskins from Victoria were on the market and there were few seals from Japan and the Russian islands, owing to the war then raging. It is anticipated that about $22 will be realized this year. The whole of the Victoria catch will not be offered, owing to some of the schooners having returned late and their skins having been shipped too late to arrive in time for the sale. Last year practically the whole Bering Sea catch of 5,397 skins arrived too late for the sale and were held until January when they were placed on the market, bringing a slightly advanced price over those sold at the big sale.

Whence They Come.

The skins to be offered today include 22,409 sealskins taken by the lessees of the seal islands of Bering Sea, including 7,444 skins, half of the seals clubbed on the islands of St. Paul and St. George during 1907 and the whole of the take on the seal rookeries in 1908 totalling 14,965 skins. The pelagic sealing catch of 15,000 skins, includes 4,440 skins—if all were on the market in time—taken by Victoria sealers in Bering Sea, and over 10,000 skins taken by the Japanese sealers in Bering Sea, off Copper Islands and the Kuriles and in the Okhotsch sea. There will also be 2,000 skins taken on the rookery at Lobos island, off the Argentine Republic placed on the market, and probably some of the catch of 2,900 skins taken by the Russians off the Copper island rookeries, and some skins taken by pelagic sealers off the Cape of Good Hope and the grounds off the Argentine coast and Cape Horn.

The Yankee Monopoly.

A volume could be written of the privations endured, the risks run, and the history of the manner in which some of the sealskins to be sold in London today were secured. Those taken on the rookeries, where a monopoly is protected rigorously by the United States government and the British government assists in maintaining laws made for that purpose, were secured without difficulty—but there is a wealth of story in the taking of those speared and shot on the high seas. The catch of the rookeries of St. Paul and St. George is the property of the North American Commercial company, under a lease which expires in 1915 under which the company undertook for 20 years to pay the United States government $60,000 a year, a tax of $2 and fee of $7.62½ for each seal taken. The lease provides that not more than 60,000 skins shall be taken, but the inroads into the herd has made it necessary to lessen the number and last year 14,965 were taken on the islands, where Aleuts in the employ of the company clubbed and skinned the seals which were driven in bands to the slaughter grounds.

The True Sealers.

It is a different story that of the skins taken by the pelagic sealers. From Victoria eight schooners, the smallest fleet sent since the industry began went out, the increasing number of restrictions and unfair discrimination in favor of the Japanese having made it difficult to secure crews for more than this number of vessels. From Japanese ports 38 sealers were sent out, some to the North Pacific to hunt where the salt-laden breezes blow from the Kuriles, while 28 went to Bering sea. To collate the various tales of privation, of starvation days in open boats while the chill spume swept over the shivering hunters, the stories of danger and discomfort would fill a big volume. To tell of the risks of life and imprisonment taken to secure the valuable furs would fill a larger one. Two Japanese sealers were seized, one of them, the Kinsei Maru, having like that noted craft of Kipling's sealing rhyme, faked papier mache smokestack and rig and spars to represent a revenue cutter while she lay off the Seapandi rookery and sent her boats ashore. Off the Copper islands several Japanese vessels were seized, and nine lives were lost in a veritable guerilla war with the Russian guards for the skins. On several occasions raiders landed and stole what skins they could take before the guards fought them back to their boats, and one schooner, the Boso Maru, lost nine of her crew when the Russian guards drove off the landing boats from the attempted raid by firing upon them as they rose and fell in the long-lipped rollers of the Copper island bay. Six bodies afterwards drifted ashore with the bullet holes to show the manner of the sealers' end, and three others were drowned, all being recovered and buried on the rookery near the noisy seal herds they tried to loot.

"But since our women must walk gay, and money buys their gear, the sealing boats they filch that way, at hazard, year by year." So says the poet, and there is more truth in the statement than is included in most poetry.

Local Sealers' Fortune.

The Victoria sealer, forced though they were to remain outside a zone of sixty miles of the seal islands while the Japanese, unhampered by restrictions went to the three-mile limit, obeyed the regulations, and had no trouble with the patrol boats. Two lives were lost, two of the crew of the Thomas F. Bayard being washed overboard in the North Pacific and several vessels reported that hunters had undergone privations, which they considered as all in the day's work. Two Indians were thirteen days without food and suffered terribly while adrift in an open canoe before they found succor on the Alaskan coast.

Next season, owing to the raiding of the Japanese hunters, notable because of the Miye Maru seizure off Copper island and the subsequent sentence of six of the Japanese to death for attacking the Russian guards at Nicolaievsk where they were held for trial after their schooner was brought as a prize to Vladivostok, it is expected a new sealing treaty will be aranged between Russia and Japan, and agreed to by Britain and the United States which will, put all the pelagic sealers under the same restrictive regulations.

But these things are all at the back of the drop curtain after the skins, coated with brine to preserve them, have been fingered by the buyers in London today, and sold in lots to be carried to the dyers and made ready to become sealskin saques for those women "who will walk gay." The skins are all treated in England, the furriers of the United States not being acquainted with the methods of dyeing and preparing the skins. The island catch is all shipped back to the United States where entry is refused to other skins. The remainder are sold for the ladies of Europe and other lands.

And about ten thousand sealskin sacques will be added to the world's possessions as a result of the trials and tribulations, the risks and miseries, the adventures and successes of the sealers who wrested them from the original wearers in the waters or hauling grounds during the past year.

Seattle customs officials have in their possession opium valued at between $2,000 and $3,000 which has been seized during the past several months. It is expected that the government will order this destroyed, although no such instructions have yet been received. Heretofore the government has disposed of the drug by auction, but under a recent ruling, effective Dec. 1, all opium intended for smoking, or containing less than 9 per cent. of morphine, is forbidden importation. Consequently, to be consistent, Uncle Sam will not be able to sell opium in the possession of the customs officers and it will likely be ordered destroyed.

The bark Grenada and schooner Lyman D. Foster have been towed from Port Townsend to Chemainus to load lumber. The bark Inverclyde loaded with lumber for Delagoa bay was towed to sea yesterday by the tug Lorne.

The Norwegian steamer Sverre has been chartered to carry lumber and general merchandise from Humboldt and Puget Sound to Panama and west coast ports. She is on her way north from Guaymas where rails from Baltimore were discharged. The report that the Norwegian steamer Eir now at Esquimalt had been chartered proved to be the result of an error. The vessel is still idle.

The British steamer Carlton which has been chartered to load wheat at Tacoma left San Francisco Tuesday for Comox to load bunker coal.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Clear, wind east, 10 miles an hour.

Tatoosh, noon—Clear, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Passed in, steamer Thor, San Francisco for Nanaimo, at 10.20 a.m. Two-masted steamer at 11.15 a.m.

By Wireless

Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 29.97, temp. 35. Sea smooth.

Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Part cloudy, calm, Bar. 30, temp. 37. In, steamer Alaskan, at 7.55.

Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Clear, wind east, 10 miles an hour. Bar. 30.07, temp. 40.

Estevan, 8 a.m.—Clear, wind east. Bar. 30, temp. 31. Sea smooth.

Pachena, 8 a.m.—Clear, light westerly wind. Bar. 29.91, temp. 32. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, noon—Clear, light northwest wind. Bar. 30.29, temp. 40. Sea moderate. At 10.30 steamer Cowichan to the south.

Point Grey, noon—Clear, wind north. Bar. 29.98, temp. 44.

Tatoosh, noon—Clear, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Bar. 30.12, temp. 44. Passed out, fishing schooner Alice at 10.05 a.m. Passed in, steamer Thor at 10.20. Out, fishing schooner Louise at 10.50. Also two-masted steamer at 11.15.

Estevan, noon—Clear, wind northeast. Bar. 30.20, temp. 39. Sea smooth.

Pachena, noon—Clear, calm. Bar. 30.02, temp. 40. Sea smooth.

Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Part cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.18, temp. 35. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.04, temp. 38.

Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 6 miles an hour. Bar. 30.40, temp. 41. Out, lighthouse tender Columbine at 2.30 p.m.; the schooner Fred E. Sander at 3.30 p.m. Barkentine Anchor at 4.10 p.m.; a schooner towing, at 5.10 p.m.

Estevan, 6 p.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 30.25, temp. 38. Sea smooth. No shipping.

Pachena, 6 p.m.—Clear, calm. Bar. 30.10, temp. 34. Smooth sea. No shipping.

MAGDALENE ADRIFT DURING HEAVY GALE

Tug Wanderer Unable to Hold Big Sailing Vessel and She Was Endangered

The German bark Magdalene had a narrow escape during the gale of Tuesday, when five hawsers were parted when the tug Wanderer failed to hold the drifting bark, her canvas was blown away several times and she was rescued when on a lee shore in the Strait. After a narrow escape from disaster when entering the Strait, the four-masted bark dropped anchor at Port Angeles on Sunday. The tug Wanderer started with the Magdalene from Port Angeles on Tuesday morning in the gale. The vessel was for several hours thrashed about in the Strait by a terrific southeast gale before a dangerous anchorage off Cattle Point in the San Juan Islands could be gained.

Five powerful towing hawsers that connected the tug with the ship were parted. The last destroyed all serviceable lines aboard both vessels, and assisted by the tug an anchorage was gained, providentially, before the bark was cast upon a forbidding lee shore.

The storm with which the tow and tugboat were beset was one of the most severe that has been experienced in several years in the Straits of Fuca. Starting from Port Angeles at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning, tug and tow encountered a moderate wind, at 6 o'clock developing into a tempest against which no headway could be made. The severity of the wind in so short a period of time is almost unprecedented in the recollection of old sailors of these waters.

Recalling the danger of the situation when Dungeness Spit was reached, Capt. Ben Lovejoy, of the Wanderer asked Capt. Hamm, of the Magdalene, to hoist sail and aim in bringing the ship about so that a back course could be made to the calm waters of Port Angeles bay. Six efforts to put on canvas sufficient to bring the ship about resulted in the sails being carried away instantly. So strong grew the wind that furled sails blew out of their gaskets.

At this juncture the first hawser parted. Between 6 o'clock and 10 the fight against the elements was most serious. Capt. Lovejoy is one of the most experienced masters in the tugboat service of Puget Sound and no manoeuver that might aid in lessening the danger was left unperformed.

In spite of taking advantage of the courses that would give least resistance to the waves and wind, all the hawser lines of both vessels were parted. The tug remained alongside until both anchors were gotten overboard. The position was far from favorable, but a hurried trip to this city for new lines was considered the best course possible.

The tug Tyee was hurriedly ordered to the distressed ship. Capt. Lovejoy describes conditions through which the vessels passed as most remarkable

During the strongest of the storm a lifeboat of the Wanderer was blown from its davits. Through the broken glass of the tug's skylight the rain and waves entered, flooding the interior.

VADSO RETURNS FROM NORTHERN PORTS

Made Special Trip to Massett to Land Stock of New Store—Will Replace Venture

The steamer Vadso, of the Boscowitz Steamship Company, which returned yesterday morning from northern British Columbia ports, made a special trip to Massett to land James Martin and the material and stock for a general store which he proposes to establish there. A party of land-lookers, who went in to take up land in the northern part of the island, were also among the passengers. The people of the section are expecting an inrush of settlers in the spring. On the way back from Massett the Vadso encountered the heavy gale of last week and was severely buffetted, though not damaged. At Massett the Indians reported that the earthquake which was previously reported from Skidegate, had also been experienced there, the houses swaying considerable and one id shack was wrecked.

The Vadso brought as passengers F. Drainey, of Namu, Mrs. Rousseau, from Aberdeen on the Skeena, Dr. Macdonald, E. E. Potts, and Messrs. Brown and Penny.

The Vadso is to be sent out again in the place of the Venture on Dec. 26, and the Venture will be taken off the run to be overhauled and made ready for the coming season's work. Arrangements are pending for the charter of the steamer for a trip to Los Angeles with a cargo of fertilizer, and if the business is accepted, the overhaul will be deferred until her return.

SEATTLE WAITING ROOM

Improvements Being Made on Wharf of the C. P. R. at Sound Port

The new Canadian Pacific waiting-room at Pier A has just received its finishing touches by the arrival of a set of magnificent colored pictures which now adorn the walls, says the Seattle Times of yesterday. The waiting-room is entered by stairs twelve feet wide, of which there are two flights, one for incoming and another for outgoing passengers. The room itself is fifty by sixty feet and contains a thoroughly squipped retiring room for women and another for the use of men.

The west wall of the waiting-room is hung with large colored pictures illustrating in order the Canadian Pacific hotel system with the scenic surroundings from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and showing in detail the magnificence of the Selkirks and Rockies. On the north, south and east sides are hung colored pictures of the "Around the World" steamships of the company, such as the Atlantic Empresses, the Pacific Empress line and the Great Lakes and Puget Sound fleet.

An electric clock occupies a central position over the stairway and below hangs a nickel-silver gong with the announcement that the bell will ring when the ship is ready to receive passengers. Public timecards nicely framed are also displayed for the public's convenience.

The present seating capacity of the room is 100, which capacity can readily be enlarged to accommodate 250 persons. The whole arrangement is an object lesson and the room is a decided acquisition to the waterfront.

MAKURA MARKS ERA IN AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING

Development of the Steamship Trade at Ports of the Antipodes

The continuance of the new Australian liner Makura in the Canadian-Australian service, is dependent upon the action of the Dominion government with regard to the renewal of the subsidy which expires next summer. If the proposals put forward by Sir James Mills, manager of the line, during his visit to Ottawa last summer had been accepted and an agreement entered into for a term of years it was proposed to order two more of these palatial liners, each costing over a million and a half dollars, for the service. If satisfactory arrangements are not reached the service will be maintained by less expensive vessels, and the new Makura will be operated between Australia and New Zealand. This trade, in which forty years ago steamers of between 600 and 700 tons ran in a monthly service, now gives employment to some of the finest appointed liners in the Union Steamship company's fleet.

The history of the Australasian mercantile marine is bound up with that of the Union Steamship company, of New Zealand, owners of the floating palace which reached Victoria on Tuesday. Step by step this company built up an enormous fleet. The vessels employed were increased in size until less than a quarter of a century ago tourists thought that the limit had been reached in the Maraoa, of 2,598 tons. Seven years later, however, the Warrimoo, of 3,528 tons, was built, and then came the Moeraki of 4,392 tons, but six years ago. Pursuing their policy of expansion and development, the directors in the following year brought out the Manuka, of 4,505 tons, and then a daring experiment was made in the construction of the first ocean-going turbine steamer—the Maheno, of 5,282 tons. Whether the experiment proved an unqualified success is doubtful—that is, judging by the fact that in all the later vessels reciprocating engines have been installed. Last year saw the completion of the Marama, of 6,437 tons, and this effort has now been eclipsed by the construction of a vessel nearly 2,000 tons larger still. Within the space of seven years, therefore, the size of the steamers employed between Sydney and New Zealand ports has doubled, and one would be bold indeed to venture an opinion as to what the next decade will bring forth in the way of marine architecture.

Closely associated with the history of Australasian shipping industry is the A.U.S.N. company, the foundation of which was laid by the Queensland Steamship company, and absorbed the old A.S.N. company.

Twenty-five years ago, when the Queensland Steamship company, founded by Colonel James Burns, started operations in opposition to the A.S.N. company, which then enjoyed a monopoly of the intercolonial trade, the largest vessels engaged in the Sydney-Brisbane service were the Archer, of 694 tons (still in commission as one of the Newcastle cargo boats), and the Corea of 606 tons, while the Northern Queensland trade was conducted by boats ranging in size from 194 tons to 357 tons. When the new company began to forge ahead, and built three 1,500-ton steamers—the Warrego, Barcoo and Maranoa, yet in active service—travelers were jubilant at the luxury provided for them.

The absorption of the A.S.N. company by the Queensland Steamship company led to the formation of the present powerful A.U.S.N. company, and the Arawatta and Aramac, of 2,100 tons, which were built less than 20 years ago, were regarded as the embodiment of everything that could be devised for the comfort of tourists. They were certainly much in advance of any of the vessels previously provided for the coastal trade, and even today are comfortable and fairly speedy. And so step by step the company flourished until today its different steamship lines almost encircle the continent, regular communication having been established from Burketown in the Gulf of Carpentaria, right round the eastern, southern, and western coasts, to Wyndham in the northwest.

Today such vessels as the Wyreema, of 6,338 tons, and the Wyandra, of 4,058 tons, are engaged in the trade between Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane and northern Queensland ports as far as Cooktow, while the 7,000 ton liners Kyarra and Kanowna have replaced the Pilbarra and Barcoo, of 2,600 tons, in the western Australian service. These great liners are the largest owned in the Commonwealth and were the first vessels built for Australia with three classes of accommodation. The patronage accorded them both by passengers and shippers has more than justified their construction.

LINERS ABOUT DUE FROM THE FAR EAST

Suveric and Empress of China Expected—Opportunities of C.P.R. in Trans-Pacific Trade

The steamer Suveric of the Bank line is due tomorrow or Friday from the Orient and R. H. S. Empress of China is due on Friday. The steamer Titan of the Blue Funnel line left Yokohama on Tuesday with a large shipment of general freight for this port. She is due here on December 26. The delay of the Glenfarg, owing to the accident in the narrows at Vancouver recently is handicapping the C.P.R. in its freight business, a large amount of freight offering for the outward voyage. The Empress of China will leave freight on the wharf. Regarding the opportunities of the C.P.R. in the trans-Pacific trade owing to circumstances following the recent U. S. legislation the Seattle Post Intelligencer says: "All of the American transcontinental railroads have declined to comply with the order of the Interstate commerce commission to publish tariffs showing the rate charged for freight to the Orient, separating the amount paid for land transportation from that which goes to the steamship lines. In lieu of this they have filed schedules showing a substantial increase on all rates to Pacific coast points. The Canadian Pacific railroad, not under the jurisdiction of the Interstate commerce commission, has, however, filed schedules showing what is desired.

"The only possible interpretation of the refusal of the American railroads to comply with the orders of the commission is that the American railroads have resolved to abandon all attempts to carry goods from the Atlantic or from interior points to the Orient, and have resolved to let all of the business go to the Canadian line, which can handle the business at any rate it desires without interference from the interstate commerce commision of this country.

"The Oriental trade through the American ports on the Pacific was developed through giving a relatively low freight rate. It is altogether probable that the railroads, in the endeavor to build up this business, gave lower rates from coast to coast on articles designed for export than they did on goods designed for consumption at home ports. At least the refusal to file their schedules would indicate that this was the case.

"One reason for the attempt to build up this trade with the Orient was that it would furnish freight for the cars which otherwise would have to be hauled out to this coast empty, in order to load lumber in Washington for interior points. If the commission should insist that the companies could not give the low rate on goods destined for export, the rate on goods for domestic use would have to come down. In preference to putting up with the loss involved in lowering all the rates, the companies have decided to drop out of the Oriental trade, let it go to the foreign railroads, which are not subject to the rules of the interstate commerce commission, and make good the loss in revenue by advancing rates to the Coast on goods for domestic consumption.

"The Oriental trade which has heretofore been handled by American ports on the Pacific will go to Vancouver, the vessels formerly in that trade will probably be transferred to the Canadian ports, and the growing commerce of this country across the Pacific will be checked. In addition to this severe loss to the ports of the Pacific, they will have to make good the loss of revenue by paying larger freight rates on the goods hauled out for their own uses."

When the bark Haddon Hall arrived at Victoria the underwriters in England were worrying concerning the long delay of the vessel in reaching port, according to mail advices received yesterday from England. The Haddon Hall was being reinsured at 8 per cent when she arrived at Victoria. The Haddon Hall is now discharging at Vancouver.

Officials of the United States transport service are inspecting the steamers Sierra, Sonoma and Venture under instructions from Washington and it is reported they may be purchased for use on the Pacific to Ancon, while the steamers Tremont and Shawmut recently purchased, will be used on the Atlantic side.

MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

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From the Orient.

Vessel	Due
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Empress of China	Dec. 18
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Titan	Dec. 26
From Australia.	
Makura	Dec. 16
From Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 16
From Skagway.	
Princess May	Dec. 23
From Northern British Columbia Ports.	
Venture	Dec. 24
Princess Beatrice	Dec. 19
From West Coast.	
Tees	Dec. 18
From San Francisco.	
City of Puebla	Dec. 21
Umatilla	Dec. 26
Queen	Dec. 31

Sailing Vessels.

Vessel.	Left	Date
Puritan	Boston	

Steamers to Sail.

For the Orient.

Vessel.	Date.
Aki Maru	Dec. 22
For Australia.	
Makura	Dec. 31
For Mexico.	
Lonsdale	Dec. 31
For Skagway.	
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Queen	Dec. 27

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Leave Union Bay and Comox Thursday at 7 a.m. Arrive Nanaimo Thursday at 2 p.m.

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Prince Rupert Incorporation.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—At a well attended meeting of the board of trade last Wednesday night the question of incorporating Prince Rupert as a city municipality was warmly discussed. Efforts will be made to have the government introduce an act at the coming session of the legislature so that it could be passed and become operative by proclamation. Definite action was postponed until the next meeting of the board next Monday night, when the question will be thoroughly threshed out and officers for the coming year will be elected.

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R. F. Green arrived by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday from Seattle.

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W. C. Davidson, of Seattle, is at the King Edward hotel.

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T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor returned from the mainland yesterday.

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J. McNealey left this morning via the C. P. R. on a visit to Ottawa.

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Mrs. Coleman left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver.

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H. P. Archibald, of Vancouver, is paying a business visit to the city.

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Mrs. Thomas, from San Francisco, is paying a short visit to Victoria.

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D. W. Higgins was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday by the steamer Princess Victoria.

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J. Musgrave of this city left yesterday for Vancouver en route to England for a three month's visit.

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Hon. F. I. Carter Cotton returned to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Royal

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D. D. Tubman went over to Vancouver this morning on a short business trip.

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R. H. Rudd, of Seattle, is in the city on business. He is among those registered at the Dominion hotel.

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R. L. Sebastian, of the U. S. customs, Seattle, is at the Dominion hotel. He expects to be here several days.

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P. Proctor, of Vancouver, is visiting Victoria on business and is making his headquarters at the Dominion.

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P. Pentecose, of Vancouver, is in the city. He is staying at the King Edward.

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G. Simpso and L. Hebere, of Thompson Crossing, visited Victoria yesterday.

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Mr. H. S. Findlay, of this city, is going on a pleasure trip to Calgary, where he will spend Christmas.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thorsen, from Seattle, are spending a few days in town.

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Mr. James Whyte, from Toronto, arrived yesterday in Victoria to spend Christmas with relatives in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Downing, from Indianapolis, are registered at the Empress during their visit to Victoria.

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Mrs. Arthur Spalding, South Pender Island, arrived in town last evening to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. James Mackay, Menzies street.

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Messrs. E. D. Young and Isaac Thomas, of St. Thomas, Ontario, called at the Tourist association's rooms yesterday.

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H. E. Beasley and C. J. Cambie of the C. P. R. were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday

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J. J. Seabrook of Dawson City left this morning via the C. P. R. on a three months visit to Montreal and other eastern cities.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Armstrong, who have been spending the past two weeks in the city left this morning via the C. P. R. for Calgary.

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George M. Perdue, of the local detective force, who has been spending the past week in Seattle on a holiday, returned to the city on Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hill and daughter of Kansas City, are visiting Victoria. They arrived at the Empress yesterday.

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Mrs. Mainguy, of Chemainus, arrived here by the noon train yesterday and is among those staying at the King Edward.

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The Misses McDonald were among the passengers from Sidney by yesterday morning's train. They returned home in the afternoon.

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Mrs. Berquist, of Sidney, was in Victoria yesterday. She arrived on the morning train and was among the outgoing passengers in the afternoon.

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Mrs. Flinton, of Saanichton, after a brief visit to Victoria, returned to her home, Saanichton, yesterday afternoon by the V. & S. train.

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Mrs. Wilkerson came in by the V. & S. train yesterday morning. She was among the outgoing passengers in the afternoon.

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Lynn Gordon, of the Bank of Commerce, Portland, Oregon, is spending his holidays with his parents in this city at "Laureldene."

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Dominion Constable T. O'Connell arrived from Nanaimo on Tuesday. He will go out to the Saanich Indian reserve today on business.

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Mrs. Ellen Connell left this morning via the C. P. R. for St. John, N.B., whence she will sail on the Allan liner Tunisian on an extended visit to the old country.

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C. Butler and Mrs. Butler, of Keatings Crossing, was in town yesterday, having come in on the morning train. After transacting business in the forenoon they returned by the afternoon train.

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Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver were Mrs. Coleman, G. Carson, J. Wallace, E. W. Fernwood, J. W. Songhurst, B M. Humble, W. J. Gilliland, Dr. Rogers, A. J. McLeod, J. A. Dewar, W. C Smith.

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Miss Smith, of Dallas Road, was hostess at a charming Christmas party at her pretty studio. The decorations in the studio were seasonable and dainty, being carried out in holly, evergreens and Chinese lanterns. After refreshments had been served, a beautiful Christmas tree was illuminated. About twenty pupils took part in a musical recital, after which prizes were presented. There were about fifty young people present and all spend a most enjoyable evening.

Women Fight

London, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Taylor, an American who has been living in London with her daughter, a Mrs. Stirling, pending the conclusion of the latter's suit for divorce against her husband, who is an officer in the Guards, was the defendant in an extraordinary assault suit in a London police court this afternoon. The plaintiff is Mrs. Atherton, who has been cited as corespondent in the Stirling proceedings. According to the story related in court, Mrs. Taylor obtained an entrance to Mrs. Atherton's residence in a fashionable section of the city and accused her of libelling Mrs. Stirling. She then sprang at Mrs. Atherton, seized her by the throat and attempted to throttle her. The police were called in and separated the two women. In court this afternoon each woman was bound over to keep the peace.

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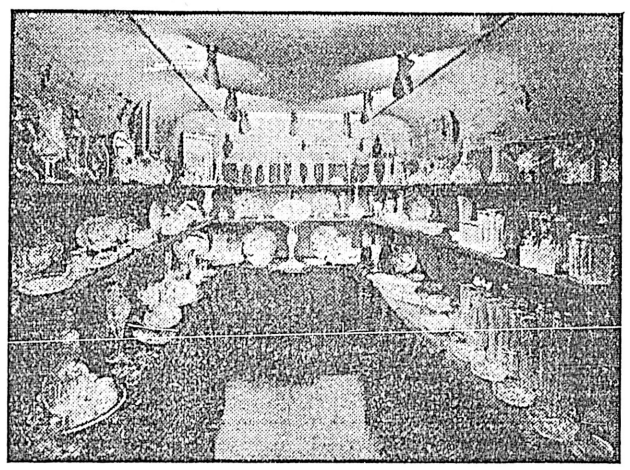

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EX-MAYOR MORLEY IS AGAIN A CANDIDATE

Announces His Intention to Enter Contest for Mayor's Chair

That he will again be a candidate for the office of mayor was definitely announced yesterday by ex-Mayor Morley. He stated that owing to the many requests that he should again enter the arena of civic politics and contest the honor with Mayor Hall he had decided to do so.

Mr. Morley's announcement merely confirms the impression generally entertained that he would again be in the field this year. His friends have all along declared that when the campaign opened he would be found a candidate, but up to yesterday no definite announcement was made.

AMUSEMENTS

Will Arrive Saturday

After appearing at New Westminster, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Duncans, the Watkins Jubilee singers will reach Victoria on the noon train Saturday, and that evening will give an entertainment at the First Congregational church, Pandora avenue. The programme announced is one of exceptional merit, including the majority of the old-time Southern melodies. There are eight colored musicians in the company, and it is said that every one is gifted either as a vocalist or instrumentalist. While the performance will not be lacking in comedy it will be of a good, clean, healthy variety, while there will be introduced a number of those rousing sacred selections which are rendered by the negro with peculiar charm. The entertainers will appear in full dress and not in costume, as has been erroneously reported.

The New Grand

"Creo," a remarkable creation of a woman from wood and plaster, advertised as "The eighth wonder of the world," and "The enigma of the 20th century," is perplexing audiences that test the capacity of the Grand at the first shows and another almost equally as large at the final performances this week. The audiences simply cannot comprehend how the thing is done, and do little else than stare and gaze on in wonder and amazement. "Creo" is the headline attraction of a really excellent bill. The other features are Holmes and Holliston in "Looking for Betsy"; Phil. Staats, comedian and pianologist; Emelie Benner, female baritone; Sabine and Vera in "Variety," besides the illustrated song and moving pictures.

Pantages Attracts

An extra Saturday matinee, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, and an extra show Saturday evening, at 7:15, is this early in the week deemed necessary to accommodate the crowds expecting to see Salome and the all-star bill for the last times at Pantages. The intense interest of the public, evidenced by the unprecedented attendance seems to be growing with each performance, and never in the history of the theatre has society turned out in such numbers, attracted by this historic and artistic portrayal of Salome. Every act on the programme is a feature, and the show as a whole is certainly high class vaudeville.

IDENTITY REVEALED

Frenchman Whose Debts Were Heavy Lived in Vancouver Under Assumed Name

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—The veil was lifted in the supreme court today upon a Paris-Vancouver romance. It revealed that Dongour Jouty, for eight years a resident of this city, as language and music teacher and for a time secretary to the French consulate was not Dongour Jouty, but Theodore Tejon, a bankrupt notary of Chemille, France. Rings, watches, letters and, most potent of all, debts rolling up to nearly half a million francs, were among the proofs which counsel revealed of the identity of this genial Frenchman, who died on a train near Winnipeg while en route to the east a year ago. Receiving judicial recognition of these proofs, counsel got the authority of the court, through Mr. Justice Clement, for a transfer of the remaining estate in this province, approximating $5,000, in long-looked-for payment of his indebtedness to his clients in Chemille and Paris of nearly $100,000.

VERY OLD FOOTPRINTS

Indications That People Once Walked on Clay That is Now Far Below Toronto Bay

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Workmen employed on the water works tunnel under Toronto bay yesterday found human footprints in the blue clay seventy feet below the water level.

The find was in inter-glacial clay deposited from 50,000 to 100,000 years ago, and is considered the most important geological discovery relating to that period made in America. City Inspector W. H. Cross said:

"It looked like a trail. There were over 100 footprints, from large prints to the print of a child's foot three and a half inches long. All were toed-in. You could not see the hollow between the ball and heel in many of them and they were all made with moccasined feet. All pointed north, except where some turned off to the side."

Wilbur Wright's Success

Le Mans, Dec. 16.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, of Dayton, Ohio, attained a height of 240 feet here today in his famous flying machine.

School for Deaf Children

New York, Dec. 16.—Many city officials today witnessed the dedication of the first public day school for deaf children to be opened in this city, and also many impressive demonstrations of lip-reading methods which the school has adopted to the utter exclusion of the old finger sign method.

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Brooches

Pearl and amethyst brooches are very popular at present. Their gracefulness of form and richness of design make them desired by all. They are also very substantially made, which ensures durability. The designs are numerous. Prices from $2 to $75.

Bracelets

The bangle bracelet is this year more popular than ever. The dainty designs shown here have aroused much admiration. The assortment includes the plain, the fancy, stone set.

Chains

We have never shown such a magnificent line of gold-filled, gold and silver chains, and fobs in the Albert, the Dickens and the Lorgnette. Our 1908 Christmas patterns will please those looking for something new. Prices, $1 to $50.

Lockets

A locket in 10 kt. or 14 kt. is always an acceptable present at this season. Our assortment includes the plain and engraved, with and without the stone setting, good heavy weights. Prices, $3 to $75.

Links

Our solid gold cuff links make a good practical Christmas present for a man. They are substantially made and reinforced in the places where the ordinary link gives out. The patterns are plain or embossed with or without pearl or diamond mounting. Prices, $3 to $25.

Others in filled gold, silver and pearl.

Scarfpins

A pin for every scart—that is the men's hobby. Pearl in 14 kt. is still the popular vogue. We are showing also the solitaire diamond and diamond with pearl. As low in price as $1.50.

Umbrellas

Our ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas and canes are works of art, their handles being composed of gold, silver, bronze, gun metal, oriental and mother of pearl. Prices from $5 to $25.

Ebonyware

Our assortment of French ebony is complete both in the single piece and sets, mirrors, hair brushes, cloth brushes, hat brushes, military brushes, button hooks, nail files, manicure pieces, etc. A seven-piece manicure set, put up in a beautiful case, $8.00.

Toilet Sets

For gifts to a friend nothing is appreciated more than a toilet set in sterling silver or ebony. Our assortment shows many different patterns at a large range of prices, in sets of from two to fifteen. Prices from $5 to $75.

Watches

We are showing a good timekeeper in nickel case, $2.50 to $5.00. In 20-year filled gold at $10 to $15. High grade watches in solid gold case, $35 to $50; others at $60, $75 and $100.

Cigarette Boxes

Many designs in silver cigarette cases, cigar cases and match boxes are shown in perfectly plain, engraved and embossed, at a great range of weights and sizes. Prices from $2 to $15.

Field and Opera Glasses

Our assortment of opera and field glasses is of the highest quality and most tasteful designs mounted in mother of pearl, leather, alluminum. Prices from $4 to $75.

Brass and Copper Ware

An importation direct from France of these dainty little pieces in ink wells, pen trays, blotters, stamp boxes, candlesticks, jewel boxes, mirrors, fern pots, wine coolers, spirit lamps, etc., at a wide range of prices.

Fountain Pens

In fountain pens we carry the Waterman for our high grade, plain and mounted in solid gold, filled gold, gold and pearl and silver, at from $2.50 to $15.

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SOUTHERN VISITOR AT SPECIAL MEETING

Tells of Success of Y. M. C. A. in Different Meetings—How Work Proceeds

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. Association, was held last evening, to meet Wm. E. Sweet, the President of Denver Y. M. C. A., who has spent the past couple of days in Vancouver and Victoria, on his way home from the great Y. M. C. A. convention held at North Yakima.

Yesterday was utilized in an extensive automobile trip in company of A. J. Brace and other friends.

Mr. Sweet said, he was very much impressed with the evident and flattering future of Victoria. He is strongly of the opinion that Victoria bids fair to become a very prominent factor in the life and the development of this country, while he commented in highly favorable terms upon the very substantial character of many, among the city's buildings, particularly the Government Buildings, and the Empress Hotel, whose service and appointments were warmly commended.

At last evening's meeting of the Directors the Vice-president, R. C. Horn, in the absence from the city of the president, took the chair, the other gentlemen present being Messrs Wm. Scowcroft, A. C. Field, S. G. Clemence, D. D. S., J. H. Baker, E. Campbell, Capt. D. McIntosh, J. Issier, W. Warren, W. McElhaney A. T. Frampton and A. J. Brace.

Promptly at seven o'clock Mr. Horn introduced Mr. Sweet, as a gentlemen who would address them upon Y. M. C. A. work in the north west, from the stand point of the practical business man, and give them the benefit of experience, which had been gained in securing a magnificent $250,000, Y. M. C. A. building for the progressive city of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Sweet who is a successful broker of Denver, in outlining a plan of campaign emphasized the import- and facts that the erection of a properly equipped and suitable Y. M. C. A. building was after all a purely business proposition, that such a building was distinctly a living and profitable civic assest, and that which in his eyes was moreover one of its most notable features it united all classes in a city; for it had ever been found, that those who were ordinarily and markedly divided both in the matter of politics and in the matters of religion as well as upon other subjects became thoroughly united in the determination to secure the construction of a building, which would take proper and efficient care of the boys, the growing youth and the young men of their city.

BASKETBALL GAMES PLAYED LAST NIGHT

North Ward Intermediates Easily Defeated Victoria West—Other Matches

In the intermediate league game played at the North Ward hall the North Ward easily defeated Victoria West by 26 to 16 points. The game was very clean from start to finish, and the referee had no trouble in officiating. The winners kept the lead from the start and the game was in no danger of slipping from them at any time. For the North Wards, Johnston, Baines and McGregor scored the majority of points, while for the losers, Bailey and Brown were the lucky ones in finding the basket.

The score in detail follows: Victoria West: Bailey, 6; Brown, 9; Jenkins, 0; Johnston, 0; Ross, 0. North Ward: Baines, 8; Johnston, 10; McGregor, 6; Menzies, 2; Bryngolfson, 0. K. Hughes refereed.

The North Ward juniors defeated the High School in a one-sided game last night, the score being 27 to 9. The first half ended in favor of North Ward 14 to 6. For the Wards, all seemed to have a share in netting the ball, while for the High School Pike and Williscroft did the scoring.

The teams lined up as follows: High School: Williscroft, Pike, Campbell, Rivercolm, Clarke. North Ward: Taylor, Sweeney, Bryndel, Townsley, Walker.

Y. M. C. A. Victory

The game between the Y. M. C. A. and the Shamrocks resulted in a win for the Broad street boys by the narrow margin of three points. At the end of the first half the score was a tie, 6 all, while in the second the Y. M. C. A. took a lead of five points, which the losers could not even. Thus the match ended in a win for the Y. M. C. A. by a score of 16 to 13.

The following is the personnel of both teams and the number of points scored by each player: Y. M. C. A.: Campbell, 10; Betterton, 3; Fairfull, 2; Baker, 1; McKeown, 0. Shamrocks: Keoppock, 7; McDonald, 6; Colbert, 0; Carrol, 0; Ecker, 0. J. Donaldson refereed.

The intermediate league match scheduled to be played between the Esquimalt and Y. M. C. A. teams, at the latter's gymnasium, went to the Y. M. C. A. five by default. The lads from the extreme western district failed to put in an appearance and a scratch contest was arranged instead of the regular fixture.

COUNT BONI'S MOVE

Withdraws His Demand for $60,000 a Year For the Maintenance of His Children

Paris, Dec. 16.—The last day of the hearing of the suit against the Princess de Sagan, brought by Count Boni de Castellane, in which he petitions the court to award the custody of his three children to his mother, the Marquise de Castellane, brought out the fact that the count had decided upon a sudden change of front in that he withdrew his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of $60,000 for the maintenance of the children.

M. Bonnet, speaking for the count, read to the court a letter from his client, filled with indignant protests that he should have been charged with initiating the proceedings to obtain money, and in which the count abandoned his claim for the allowance above mentioned. He insisted that his only object in wanting the children removed was his solicitude for their moral and physical welfare.

It is evident that the count has recognized that his claim for this enormous allowance has injured his case in the eyes of the court and the estimation of the public, and his renunciation is considered a clever move to enlist sympathy in his favor. Nevertheless the public is greatly astonished that the count should go to such an extreme in order possibly to win a victory over his former wife.

The proceedings today were filled with allegations from both sides, Clemenceau representing the Princess de Sagan. They developed little that was new. The public prosecutor will present his conclusions next week, and the court will then render a decision. It will either dismiss the count's plea or grant him the custody of the children, or if doubt exists it may order that the taking of testimony be continued. The Princess de Sagan continues to be sanguine of a favorable decision.

FOR G. T. P. WORK

Barge Load of Cars, Steam Shovels and Locomotives Unloaded at Prince Rupert

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—The big railway ferry barge Georgian, over 200 feet long and wide enough to accommodate three rows of freight cars, loaded with two monster steamshovels, four small Davenport locomotives mounted on flat cars and 40 dump cars, arrived from New Westminister last Tuesday in tow of McKenzie Bros.' tug Escort No. 2. The 550 mile trip up from Vancouver was made in good time and fine weather was experienced all the way.

The barge was beached at high tide about half a mile south of the wharf where temporary landing docks were built out from the dump and rails laid across them so that the steamshovels, which are on their own trucks as well as the loaded flat cars, could be run directly to the sidings prepared for them on the grade.

The whole outfit has been unloaded and distributed at convenient points along the first mile of construction where big bluffs aggregating 300,000 cubic yards of rock will have to be removed. The largest of these bluffs containing over 200,000 cubic yards is now being bored with "coyotte" holes. There are eight of these tunnels and they are not big enough for a workman to stand erect. When bored to a length of 75 to 100 feet, they will be crosscut at the end and huge pockets blasted out of the rock. These chambers will then be filled with tons of dynamite and the tunnel filled with broken rock and cement to keep it from blowing out. They will all be connected by wires with a galvanic battery and exploded at the same time. When this blast has been fired it is expected the rock will be so shattered that the steamshovels will have no difficulty in handling it.

To Northern Pacific railway flatcar No. 64,067, loaded with dump cars, belongs the distinction of being the first standard-guage railway car used on the Pacific coast end of the Grand Trunk Pacific, as it was the first car hauled on to the railway grade from the big ferryboat. The Escort No. 2 towing the Georgian with the empty flatcars will leave tomorrow for New Westminster, where more steamshovels, locomotives, dumpcars, etc., are waiting to be brought north for service on Contractor D. A. Rankin's piece of work at Porpoise harbor, six miles south of Prince Rupert.

SMOKED RASHLY

Abbottsford Man Killed Through Taking Lighted Pipe Too Near to Gasoline

Abbottsford, B.C., Dec. 16.—Archie Baxter, aged 50, employed at the Abbottsford hotel, was fatally injured last night by an explosion of gasoline. He was in charge of the hotel's gasoline lighting plant, and must have been smoking when he visited the gasoline shed, a short distance from the hotel.

At 5 o'clock a terrific explosion was heard. The shed was immediately in flames and Baxter was rescued with great difficulty. He died at 6 o'clock this morning.

He had lived in Abbottsford for some time and had been employed by the Abbottsford Mill Co.

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WHITE THIBET BOAS—Usual price $8.00. Sacrifice Sale Price **$5.50**

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Dated this twenty-fourth day of November, 1908.

HERBERT LOCKWOOD,
JOHN ROUNSEFELL,
Joint Liquidators.

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(Signed)
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Robert Chambers, Agent.

Dated 16th November, 1908.

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Third—A two years term for Aldermen, one half to retire each year by rotation.

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Fifth—Good roads.

I am not allied with any clique, party or faction, but will if elected do my best for the general good of the city. Yours truly.

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We have for sale an old established Livery Business. Price, $1750. No charge for good-will. Easy terms.

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New house, near Linden avenue. Price, $4000. One-third cash.

600 acres good farming land, at Fort George, Crown granted. For sale at a bargain. Classified as first-class farming land.

160 acres on Willow River, near Fort George.

Lot on Fairfield Estate, $850, high ground, lot 50 by 135.

Business property on View street. Price, $4000. Lot 60 x 120.

Houses and lots, from $1000 to $4000, on easy terms.

Four lots in Alberni, block 45.

SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in an action wherein Pitt & Peterson are plaintiffs and Vancouver Copper Company, defendants, I have seized and taken possession of all the goods and chattels of the defendant company, situate at Mount Sicker, Vancouver Island, consisting of 3 Shay geared locomotives with ore cars, picks, shovels, steel, etc., furniture and contents of Mount Sicker hotel, also large quantities of cord wood. I will offer the said goods and chattels, or a sufficent portion thereof, for sale at public auction, on the premises, Mount Sicker, on Saturday, the 9th day of May, 1908, at 2 o'clock p.m. Terms of sale cash. F. Richards.

Sheriff for the County of Victoria for and on behalf Sheriff County of Nanaimo.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, May 1, 1908.

NOTICE

The above sale is postponed to a date to be fixed. F. G. Richards. Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Victoria, June 10, 1908.

Municipal Notice

Tenders, sealed and endorsed, will be received by the undersigned up to Friday, the 18th inst., at 4 p. m., for pumps required for the Salt Water High Pressure System as per specifications which can be seen and had at the Purchasing Agent's office. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Purchasing Agent.

City Hall, Dec. 1st, 1908.

TENDERS

Tenders for the supply of school requisites for the coming school year will be received up to December 8th by the Secretary of the School Board, at whose office specifications may be obtained. The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

ISABELLA MOORE, Sec.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I intend to make application to the Board of Licensing Commissioners of the City of Victoria at its next sitting for a transfer from me to Albert Coopman of the license to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail on the premises formerly known as the Poodle Dog restaurant and now known as the Cecil Cafe, situate at No. 615-619 Yates street, Victoria, B. C.

Dated the 7th day of December, 1908.

W. S. D. SMITH.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as The Hudson's Bay Company's House, situated at McDames Creek, British Columbia.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY,
Per J. T.

McDames Creek, B. C., 10th December, 1908.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900

Notice is herby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises to be known as the British Ensign Hotel, situated at Sooke Road.

(Signed) CHRIS. G. BEHNSEN.

Dated at Victoria, this 17th day of November, 1908.

Session of the Legislative Assembly 1909

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

Notice is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm "The Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act," 1873 and the "Victoria West Water Works Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1892, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act:

To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1873, which enables the Corporation by a Commissioner to construct water works, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct the use for any and every purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put;

To extend the powers given to the Water Commissioner by Section 7 to the construction of tunnels and dams and conduits subject to compensation;

To amend Section 10 by making the date for the annual return therein directed with statement of affairs of the water works to be made on the 15th January of the year following, in lieu of on the 31st December for the year terminating on that date;

To re-enact Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1892, in a detailed and concise form, a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to fix the amount of annual water works tax on the basis of frontage along the water mains and branches thereof, or in case of special benefit and advantage to fix a special tax, or to fix the tax according to the relative assessed value taken from the Assessment Roll, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more or all. In addition to frontage tax price to be paid for use of water by each occupant of a house and for water for other than domestic use and for water supplied outside City Limits and the times for payment;

To amend Section 14, as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1892, by separating the water works monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate bank account paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may, by resolution, direct;

To repeal Section 19 of said Act of 1873;

To amend Section 20 by placing the service pipe throughout tenement buildings under control as to supply of Commissioner.

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1873 by by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant in the supply of water outside the City or in adjoining municipalities to the Corporation of such Municipalities, with power to contract with outside municipalities for the sale of any quantity of water within such outside municipality either in bulk or upon such terms as to supply and use and payment therefore as may be arranged, and with express power and authority to any outside municipality with whom the Corporation may have made contract for supply, to levy within such municipality a frontage tax or other tax, assessment or rate for the payment of such water supply for the benefit of the Corporation.

To repeal Section 28, 29 and 31 of said Act of 1873 and substitute therefor power to the Corporation to borrow money upon the security of the water works system and property, taxes, rates, rentals and charges and the general revenue of the water works system, or of waters belonging to the Corporation, with the guarantee of the City, and that the debentures to raise monies may be issued under the formalities required for debentures issued under the authority of the Municipal Clauses Act; and following Section 81 of the Municipal Clauses Act; but with power to make loan repayable and not exceeding one hundred years, or to issue same as a perpetual and irredeemable floating charge with or without sinking fund and with power to buy in the debentures out of corporate funds;

To repeal Section 32 of the said Act of 1873, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in extinguishment of debentures indebtness debentures now outstanding at a sum not exceeding the par or nominal value of same, out of the sinking fund set aside for the particular issue;

To repeal Section 33 of said Act of 1873.

To add to Section 34 of said Act of 1873, as amended by Section 9 of said Chapter 64, by enabling the passing of a By-law to give effect to Section 14, and by separating and paying all water works monies into an account with the Bankers of the Corporation, there to remain under control of the Council to be expended on water works account;

To add to Section 36 a proviso entitling the Commissioner and Corporation, to one month's notice of action before any proceedings arising out of, or in connection with, the carrying out of the said Act;

To authorize the exercise of the Council's powers by By-law save in matters of administrative detail, which may be by resolution;

To repeal Section 40, 42, and 43 of said Act of 1873 and to enact that water works taxes shall be deemed to be debts due to the Corporation and collected as municipal taxes; and otherwise to provide for securing and enforcing payment for water supplied;

To give to the Corporation power to use waters for producing any form of power, or for producing and generating electricity for the purpose of light, heat and power, either within or without the City; that all powers, rights and privileges by any Act granted to the Corporation shall be applicable to the use of water for power purposes and giving to the Corporation the following powers:—

Power to construct works;

To transmit power;

To convey power by wires and place poles for carrying wires on lands or highways outside the city;

To construct all necessary buildings and works and maintain and operate the same, extending the powers of expropriation to waters for power purposes;

That any arbitration to ascertain compensation under Water Works Acts may, at the election of the Council, be proceeded with under Section 251 of the Municipal Clauses Act.

And such incidental and necessary powers as are involved in the foregoing or may be conveniently used therewith.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1908.

MASON & MANN

Solicitors to the Corporation of the City of Victoria.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada 1906, Chapter 115, Thomas H. Horne will apply to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the plan and site for the erection of a wooden wharf in front of lots 1284 and 1285 in the city of Victoria, B. C.

A plan of the said proposed wharf and a description by metes and bounds of the proposed site of the same, have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said city of Victoria, the same being the Land Registry Office at Victoria aforesaid.

FELL & GREGORY,
Solicitors for Thomas H. Horne.

Victoria, B. C., the 3rd December, 1908.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to execute the following works of Local Improvements, viz.: to construct

1. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Skinner street from the Indian Reserve to Russell street, and to grade and macadamize said street.
2. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Belton Avenue, from Craigflower Road to Dominion Road.
3. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Fisguard street from Blanchard avenue to Quadra street.
4. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Fisguard street (formerly Frederick street) from Quadra street to Cook street.
5. Permanent sidewalks on both sides of Rockland avenue (formerly Belcher street) from Vancouver street to Cook street.
6. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Fairfield Road from Vancouver street to Cook street.
7. Boulevards on both sides of Trutch street from Richardson street to Fairfield Road, with curbs and gutters (including maintenance).
8. The grading, macadamizing and draining of Oliphant avenue from Vancouver street to Cook street and the construction of permanent sidewalks, with curbs, gutters and boulevards on both sides thereof (including maintenance).
9. Permanent sidewalk on the north side of Battery street, from Government street to Beacon Hill Park.
10. Permanent sidewalk on the south side of Simcoe street from Montreal street to Dallas Road.

AND that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said By-Law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statements showing the amounts estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the reports of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid having been adopted by the Council.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said reports are open for inspection at the office of the City Assessor, City Hall, Douglas street.

"WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,"
C.M.C.

Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, Dec. 2nd., 1908.

NOTICE

Legislative Assembly

PRIVATE BILLS.

Excerpt from Rules and Orders Relating to Private Bills.

All applications for Private Bills, properly the subject of legislation by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, within the purview of the "British North America Act" require a notice, specifying the nature and object of the application and indicating generally the location of the work, and signed by or on behalf of the applicants.

Such notice to be published in the British Columbia Gazette, and in one newspaper published in the district affected, and if no such newspaper is published therein, then in a newspaper in the next nearest district in which a newspaper is published.

Such notice shall be continued in each case for a perod of at least six weeks, during the interval of time between the close of the last session of the house and the consideration of the petition.

No petition is received by the House after the first ten days of the session, nor may any private bill be presented to the House after the first three weeks of the session, nor may any report of any committee upon Private Bill be received after the first four weeks of the session.

This rule may only be suspended upon motion following a report of the Private Bills Committee, and if suspended, double fees are payable. Eight clear days before the first day of the session the applicant is to pay to the clerk, the House fees, and deposit at the same time two hundred copies of the bill, a copy of the petition duly signed, and a copy of the published notices. The failure to comply with the above necessitates the payment of double fees.

Before any petition praying for leave to bring in a Private Bill for the erection of a Toll Bridge, is received by the House, the person or persons intending to petition for such bill shall, upon giving the notice prescribed by the rules, also at the same time and in the same manner, give notice of the rates which they intend to ask, the extent of the privilege, the height of the arches, the interval between the abutments or piers for the passage of rafts and vessels, and mentioning also whether they intend to erect a drawbridge or not, and the dimensions of the same.

All Private Bills for Acts of Incorporation shall be so framed as to incorporate by reference the clauses of the General Acts relating to the details to be provided for by such bills: Special grounds shall be established for any proposed departure from this principle, or for the introduction of other provisions as to such details, and a note shall be appended to the bill indicating the provisions thereof in which the General Act is proposed to be departed from. Bills which are not framed in accordance with this rule shall be re-cast by the promoters and reprinted at their expense before any committee passes upon the clauses.

All Private Bills shall be prepared by the parties applying for the same, and printed in small pica type, twenty-six ems by fifty ems, on good paper, in imperial octavo form, each page when folded measuring 10¾ by 7½ inches. There shall be a marginal number every fifth line of each page; the numbering of the lines is not to run on through the bill, but the lines of each page are to be numbered separately. If amendments are made to any bill during its progress before the committee or through the House, such bill shall be reprinted by the promoters thereof.

By new Rule 65A, passed on the 2nd April, 1901, (see Journals, 1901, page 58), a model form of Railway Bill is adopted and must be used.

By 65B all bills to incorporate or amend bills incorporating railway companies are to be drawn in accordance with the Model Bill.

The provisions contained in any bill which are not in accord with the Model Bill shall be inserted between brackets.

Any exceptional provisions that it may be proposed to insert in any such bill shall be clearly specified in the notice of application for the same.

Dated 7th December, 1908.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT 1900

Notice is hereby given that thirty (30) days after date, application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of License to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as The Hudson's Bay Company's House, situated at Telegraph Creek, British Columbia.

HUDSON BAY COMPANY,
Per J. T.

Telegraph Creek, B. C., 10th Nov. 1908

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the reserve placed upon certain lands in the vicinity of Lower Kootenay River, District of Kootenay, notice of which appeared in the British Columbia Gazette of the 14th August, 1884, and bearing date of 13th of August, 1884, is cancelled, for the purpose of disposing of such lands by public auction, and to permit of giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report of Mr. W. F. Teetzel, a commissioner appointed to adjudicate upon the claims of certain squatters upon the said lands, but for no other purpose.

ROBERT A. RENWICK.

Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department. Victoria, B. C., 6th October, 1908.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1900

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a license to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises to be known as the Howard Hotel, situated at Esquimalt.

JOSEPH BALL.

TAKE NOTICE that 30 days after date I intend to apply for renewal of liquor license for Stickine Hotel. Telegraph Creek. A. E. BELFRY.

November 12, 1908.

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THE LOCAL MARKETS

Retail Prices

Flour

Royal Household, a bag	$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag	$2.00
Royal Standard, a bag	$2.00
Wild Rose, a bag	$1.75
Calgary, a bag	$2.00
Hungarian, per bbl.	$7.75
Snowflake, a bag	$1.70
Snowflake, per bbl.	$6.80
Moffet's Best, per bbl.	$7.75
Drifted Snow, per sack	$1.70
Three Star, per sack	$2.00

Foodstuffs

Bran, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Shorts, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.70
Middlings, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.00
Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.55
Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.60
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.50
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.15
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.20
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	$ 2.25
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Prairie, per ton	$16.00
Hay, Alfalfa, per ton	$20.00
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	$ 1.65

Vegetables

Celery, per head	.05
Lettuce, two heads	.05
Garlic, per lb.	.20
Onions, 8 lbs for	.25
Green Onions, 3 bunches for	.10
Potatoes, per sack	.75
Cauliflower, each	.20 to .25
Cabbage, new, per lb	.02
Red Cabbage, per lb.	.05
Green Peas, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.08
Beans, per lb.	.05 to .15
Tomatoes, per basket	.25
Beets, per lb.	.05
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs.	.25

Dairy Produce

Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.60
Eastern, per dozen	.35
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb.	.20
Neufchatel, each	.05
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Manitoba, per lb.	.35
Best Dairy	.25 to .30
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.45
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.40
Chilliwack Creamery, per lb.	.40
Alberni Creamery, per lb.	.40

Fruit

Grape Fruit, per dozen	$1 to $1.50
Oranges, per dozen	.25 to .50
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Figs, cooking, per lb.	.08 to .10
Apples, per box	$1 to $1.75
Bananas, per dozen	.30
Figs, table, per lb.	.25
Raisins, Valencia, per lb.	.15
Raisins, table, per lb.	.25 to .60
Pineapples, each	.60
Grapes, Malaga, per lb.	.25
Grapes, Concord, per basket	.75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, qt.	.25

Nuts

Walnuts, per lb.	.30
Brazils, per lb.	.30
Almonds, Jordon, per lb.	.75
Almonds, Cal., per lb.	.30
Cocoanuts, each	.15
Pecans, per lb.	.30
Chestnuts, per lb.	.30

Fish

Cod, salted, per lb.	.10 to .13
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	.08 to .10
Halibut, smoked, per lb	.15
Cod, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Smoked Herring	.12½
Crabs, 2 for	.25
Black Bass, per lb.	.06 to .08
Oolichans, salt, per lb.	.12½
Black Cod, salt, per lb.	.12½
Flounders, fresh, per lb.	.06 to .08
Salmon, fresh white, per lb.	.08 to .10
Salmon, fresh red, per lb.	.10 to .12
Salmon, smoked, per lb.	.20
Shrimps, per lb.	.25 to .30
Smelts, per lb.	.08 to .10
Herring, kippered, per lb.	.12½
Finnan Haddie, per lb.	.20

Meat and Poultry.

Beef, per lb.	.08 to .18
Lamb, per lb.	.15 to .25
Mutton, per lb.	.12½ to .20
Lamb, per quarter, fore	1.25 to 1.50
Lamb, per quarter, hind	1.75 to 2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.15 to .18
Geese, dressed, per lb.	.18 to .20
Guinea Fowls, each	1.00
Chickens, per lb.	.25 to .30
Chickens per lb. live weight	.12½ to .15
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.20 to .25
Hams, per lb.	.18 to .22
Hares, dressed, each	.75
Bacon, per lb.	.20 to .25
Pork, dressed, per lb.	.12½ to .15
Rabbits, dressed, each	.50 to .65

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 16.—The market was strong but it lacked the usual snap, and from a bullish point of view it was rather encouraging. There was some evident inside buying in Great Northern preferred, Kansas and Texas. We think the Vanderbilts will do much better. There was rumor of a divorce of the surface system from the subway which accounted for the strength of Inter-Boro Securities which are being tipped for further advances. While Reading failed to increase its dividend we think this stock ought to be bought on a scale as we expect much higher prices for it. The present irregularity in the market we look upon as being temporary and quite natural after an extended rise. However, we look for a resumption of bullish activity toward the first of the new year.

	High.	Low.	Closing Bid.
Allis Chalmers	..	..	15⅞
do pfd	..	..	50⅝
Amal. Copper	82¼	80¾	82
Am. Car Fdy.	47¼	46⅝	46¾
do pfd	..	..	107
Am. Cot. Oil	..	..	42
do pfd	..	..	94¼
American Ice	24⅞	24⅝	24⅝
Amer. Loco.	56⅝	55⅝	55⅞
do pfd	..	..	109½
Amer. Smelting	86½	84⅝	85⅞
do pfd	103	102¼	102½
Amer. Sugar	131¾	130¾	130¾
do pfd	..	..	128
Amer. Woolen	31½	31⅛	31
do pfd	95	94¾	94¾
Anaconda	49⅛	48¼	48¾
Atlantic Coast	..	..	110
Atchison	98⅛	97¾	97⅞
do pfd	..	..	102
B. and O.	110⅞	109⅞	110¼
do pfd	..	..	91½
B. R. T.	58	56¼	57½
C. C. C. and S. L.	69	68	68¾
C. P. R.	177½	175⅞	177
C. and O.	58¼	56½	57½
C. and A.	53	51	51⅝
C. and G. G.	11¾	11¼	11½
do pfd A.	..	..	35⅞
do pfd B.	..	..	14
C. and N. W.	178½	177⅝	178
C. M. and S. P.	149⅞	148½	149⅝
do pfd	..	..	162
Cent. Leather	30⅛	29¾	30
C. F. and I.	39	38	38½
do pfd	..	..	55
Colo. Southern	57⅜	55⅝	57
do 1s pfd	74¼	73¾	74
do 2s pfd	70	69	69¾
Cons. Gas	164¾	163	164
Corn Products	17¾	17	17
do pfd	74½	74	73
D. and H.	180½	179¾	179½
D. and R. G.	36¼	35¾	35¾
do pfd	..	..	81
Distillers	36⅛	35¾	35½
Erie	35⅛	34¼	34¾
do 1s pfd	49	48⅝	48½
do 2s pfd	..	..	39½
Gen. Elec.	161¾	156	160¾
Gt. Nor. Ore ctfs.	73¼	71½	72¾
Gt. Nor. pfd	145⅞	145	145⅝
Illinois Cent.	148	146¼	146¾
Inter-Met.	18	16¾	17¼
do pfd	43	42⅜	42⅞
Int. Paper	12⅞	12	12½
do pfd	58½	57	58
Int. Pump.	33¾	32¾	33½
do pfd	..	..	81
Iowa Cent.	31½	31⅛	31¼
do pfd	48⅜	48	48½
L. and N.	123	122	122½
Mackay	..	..	74
do pfd	..	..	69
Met. St. Ry.	..	..	31
Mexican Cent.	21	20⅝	20½
M. S. P., S. S. M.	132¼	130⅛	131
do pfd	..	..	148½
M. K. and T.	40⅛	39½	39⅝
do pfd	72½	72⅛	71⅞
Missouri Pac.	65¼	64	65
National Lead	80	78⅛	79¼
do pfd	..	..	104¼
Newhouse	5¾	5½	5½
N. Y. C.	121⅞	121	121½
N. Y. O. and W.	46¼	45½	45¾
N. and W.	..	..	84½
Northern Pac.	143	142	142¼
Pacific Coast	..	..	75
Pacific Mail	..	..	34
Pennsyl. Ry.	130⅝	129⅞	130
Peoples Gas	100⅝	100½	100⅜
Pressed Steel	42⅞	42	42½
do pfd	99⅞	99¾	99½
Reading	141⅜	139¾	140⅝
do 1s pfd	..	..	90½
do 2s pfd	94½	94	93½
Rep. Steel	26⅜	26	26⅜
do pfd	..	..	86
Rock Island	23⅝	23¼	23½
do pfd	60¼	59	59½
Southern Pac.	121½	119¾	121
do pfd	123⅞	123⅝	123⅝
Tenn. Copper	45⅜	44¼	44¾
Texas Pacific	34⅛	33¾	33¾
Third Ave.	35	32¼	35⅛
T. S. L. and W.	..	..	40
do pfd	..	..	66¼
Twin City	..	..	94
Union Pacific	183¼	181⅞	182⅞
do pfd	..	..	94¼
U. S. Cast I. Pipe.	29½	29¼	29
U. S. Steel	54½	53⅝	54¼
Utah Copper	46	45⅜	45¾
Vir. Chem.	43⅛	43	43⅛
do pfd	..	..	114
Wabash	19	18¼	18½
do pfd	47¼	46¼	46⅞
West. Union	68⅜	68	68¼
Westinghouse	89⅞	85¾	88½
Wisconsin Cent.	..	..	31
do pfd	..	..	67

Money on call, 3½, 2¾, 2½, 3 per cent.

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The teeth secret much of the decay from food and the acids from the mouth cause such decay to assume a gaseous state which quickly makes horrible odors.

Charcoal is one of the strongest absorbers known and mixed with the saliva of the mouth it quickly takes away the bad effects of mouth decay, acids and odors.

Charcoal will absorb one hundred times its volume in gases.

Charcoal is used at sea to keep water sweet. A little placed in a pan keeps a refrigerator sweet and free from decaying odors, also a sleeping room or foul cellar or sink.

John Turnbull of Glasgow, Scotland, a famous chemist, covered two dead dogs with charcoal and placed them in his study without any covering whatever beyond charcoal. In six months' time only the bones of the dogs remained. And the flesh was entirely gone, yet no odor whatever had permeated the study during the decay of the animals, notwithstanding the weather was highly conducive to rapid decay.

Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges are made from willow charcoal and honey. Willow is the most porous charcoal obtainable and therefore absorbs quickly and in greater quantity than other charcoal. It contains carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and nitrogen.

Charcoal from the willow is free from grit. Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges cure diarrhoea and constipation and stop foul breath from stomach or mouth odors. They contain nothing but charcoal and honey.

Eat two or three little lozenges after each meal and at bed time and you will soon stop foul gases from arising. You will sweeten your breath and aid your digestion, blood and liver.

Every druggist carries Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges in stock, price 25 cents, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package by mail free. Address F. A. Stuart Co., 200 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Wheat—It was a bull market from first to last in wheat. The buying was fairly evenly divided between the short sellers and raiders of the past few days and the conservative bull element in the local trade replacing holdings sold out in anticipation of a more bearish final crop report than that received yesterday. Not only was the temper of the trade radically changed from that of a few days past but there was a very favorable shifting both at home and abroad in favor of the buyers. Liverpool was higher at the time of the opening and made a further gain, closing very strong at ⅝d. advance. Berlin was up ½ cent and Buda Pest one cent. This foreign strength was largely based on less favorable crop prospects in India and some quite serious crop conditions in best wheat raising portions of Russia. The best posted grain handlers in the Northwest wired here today that farms of wheat in Dakotas are extremely light and that a much smaller movement to Minneapolis is certain next week. Southwest markets are reported better in wheat and flour. Buy wheat on first setback.

Corn—There was an advance to 61¾ early and a reaction to 61⅛@¼ with a fairly firm feeling at the close in sympathy with strength in wheat. Considering the somewhat bearish final crop figures of yesterday the market showed excellent staying ability and we believe that buyers on the soft spots will make the money.

Oats—Oats followed corn.

Provisions—The run of hogs continues considerably over last year. Yet packers are manufacturing product very fast, storing it away and doing very little hedging. The only real issue that they feel that the property will be worth more money later in the season. This should be suggestion enough for buyers to take hold of May product on any dips.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	105¾	106⅝	105¼	106⅝
July	97⅞	98½	97⅞	98⅜
Sept.	95½	95⅝	95⅝	95⅝
Corn—				
May	61½	61¾	61⅛	61⅝
July	61½	61⅝	61⅛	61¼
Sept.	61½	61½	61¼	61⅝
Oats—				
May	52¼	52½	52	52⅛
July	47⅛	47⅜	46⅞	47⅛
Sept.	39⅞	40	39¾	39¾
Pork—				
Jan.	15.70	15.65	15.57	15.65
May	16.05	16.05	15.92	16.02
Lard—				
Jan.	9.12	9.12	9.10	9.10
May	9.35	9.35	9.30	9.35
July	9.47	9.47	9.47	9.47
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	8.12	8.15	8.12	8.12
May	8.42	8.45	8.40	8.42

BOSTON COPPER MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Boston, Dec. 16.—I would take advantage of the present market to sell on a scale down. The bears made no attempt today to depress prices. Lake was a favorite today. Do not believe Superior and Boston will turn out as well as mill test would make people believe. Would sell it on a scale.

Stock—	Bid.	Asked.
Adventure	09¼	09½
Allouez	38	39
Arcadian	03¼	03½
Atlantic	17	17½
Boston Cons.	16	16¼
Butte Coalition	26¾	27
Calumet and Arizona	117½	118
Centennial	33½	34
Copper Range	79¾	80
Cumberland-Ely	30	40
Daly-West	10	10⅛
First National	07½	07⅝
Granby Copper	103	104
Globe Cons.	07	08
Greene Cananea	11	11⅜
Helvetia	04¾	05
Isle Royale	23	23½
Keweenaw	05⅛	05⅝
La Salle	14¾	15
Mass	06	06½
Michigan	13½	14
Miami	12½	12¾
Mohawk	70	71
Nevada-Utah	02⅞	03
Nipissing	10⅛	10¼
Nevada Cons.	19¼	19¾
North Butte	84	84½
Old Domonion	57½	58⅞
Parrot Mining	29¼	30
Quincy Copper	95	..
Shannon Copper	17⅜	17½
Superior and Pittsburg	17⅝	17¾
Superior Copper	33⅝	34
Superior and Boston	17½	17¾
Tamarack	81	82
Trinity	17	17½
Victoria	03⅜	03⅝
United Copper	13½	14
U. S. Smelt. and Ref.	43¾	44
do pfd	46	46¼
Utah Copper	45¾	46¼
Winona	06¼	06¾
Wolverine	152	...

SPOKANE STOCK EXCHANGE.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Stock—	Bid.	Asked.
Alameda	02	02¼
Copper King	02⅛	02⅝
Gertie	02¾	03
Humming Bird	06½	07½
Lucky Calumet	07	08¾
Missoula Copper	01½	02¾
Monitor	26	30
Nabob	02¼	03
O. K. Consolidated	½	01¼
Oom Paul	04¼	05½
Panhandle Smelter	03½	03⅝
Rex	06½	09½
Snowshoe	05¾	06
Snowstorm	2.12	2.15
Stewart	63	70
Tamarack	50	85
Wonder	02½	02¾
International Coal	71½	77
Rambler Cariboo	12½	14
Kendall	80	1.25

VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

	Bid.	Asked.
Listed Stocks—		
Alberta Coal and Coke	08½	11
Burton Saw Works	..	120
Int. Coal and Coke	75	78
Imperial Trust Co.	..	110
Portland Canal	..	09½
Western Oil	75	90
Unlisted—		
Amer. Canadian Oil	09½	11½
B. C. Permanent Loan	120	140
B. C. Pulp and Paper	..	1.00
B. C. Trust Corp.	..	100
Canadian Con. S. and R.	..	95
Can. North-West Oil	..	45
Caribou Camp McKinney	01½	01¾
Diamond Vale Coal	14½	18½
Dominion Trust Co.	129	...
Great West Permanent	..	115
Granby	102	...
Nicola Valley Coal	69	71
Pacific Whaling	..	80
Rambler Cariboo	14	..
Royal Collieries	34½	35½
Sullivan	..	02
Vancouver Ice	120	...
Coeur D'Alene Stocks.		
Alameda	02	03
Charles Dickens	..	01
Gertie	02½	03¼
Humming Bird	06	08
Idora, preferred	02¼	03
Missoula Copper	02½	03½
O. K. Con.	..	02
Oom Paul	04	06
Rex (16 to 1)	06	..
Snowstorm	2.20	...
Stewart	55	80
Tamarack and Ches.	60	85
Wonder	02	03
Lucky Calumet	08¾	09½

Sales—3,000 Portland Canal at 7½.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 16.—Local market opened steady, 3 to 4 decline. Trading was large for the amount of scattered liquidation. Indifferent cables induced the bears to renew pressure on the market. The selling also received some impetus from the fact that the national ginners raised their estimate from the amount ginned from December 1 to December 14 from 700,000 to 860,000 bales. Prices reached new levels for all options except October but a moderate investment demand appeared on the decline and prices rallied to about the opening figures. We look for a professional trade until the end of the month at least.

Option—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	8.44	8.46	8.43	8.42
Feb.	8.42	8.42	8.42	8.44
March	8.51	8.54	8.48	8.51
April	....	....	....	8.55
May	8.58	8.62	8.55	8.59
June	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.59
July	8.60	8.61	8.55	8.58
Sept.	....	....	....	8.42
Oct.	8.41	8.43	8.38	8.42
Dec.	8.86	8.86	8.76	8.81

WHEAT FOR MEXICO

Syndicate Purchase Alberta Grain and Will Send it By Way of This Coast

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—P. H. Cooper, well known through western Canada, arrived in Winnipeg last night from Mexico City. He left for Alberta this afternoon, where he hopes to put a quantity of wheat for export to Mexico. He says the reduction of the two-thirds of the duty on the part of the Mexican republic until April 1, 1909, will furnish a good opportunity for western Canadian grain to reach the Mexican market.

"At present," he said, "Kansas wheat has been supplying the demand incident to the wheat famine of Mexico, but the hard grain from Canada is preferred to the soft Kansas variety. It blends better with Mexican soft wheat, and makes better flour.

"I don't know what we will be able to do, but I hope to be able to ship some grain from Alberta. It will go via Vancouver to Manzanillo, the Pacific port which has direct connection with Mexico City. The quoted rate per hundred from Alberta points is forty cents on wheat to Manzanillo and ten cents from there to the Mexican capital.

"Of course there are other highways, such as an all-rail route south via Halifax or via New York. The route preferred however is via Vancouver, for time and general convenience. On account of the strict Canadian grain grading laws the Mexicans prefer Canadian business because they can safely buy by sample. I have seen a Kansas soft variety which has been coming in there in big quantities since the duty has been taken off which I thought little better than chicken feed."

London Times Retracts

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In a cable message to Chairman Parent, of the National Transcontinental railway commission, Sir Charles Russell, Canada's legal agent in London, says that the London Times, in response to complaints, entered by the commission regarding the publication of letters reflecting upon it prior to the recent elections, has published a retraction, regretting that publication of the item conveyed the slightest reflection upon the commissioners or on their integrity.

SECRET OF COLDS.

Some Interesting Facts Regarding This Most Common of All Ailments. How to Keep from Taking Cold.

Habitual colds are due to an ill-kept skin on the outside and dyspeptic mucous membrane on the inside, the result of indigestion, coupled with carelessness. Cold water, proper food and common sense are the foundations upon which a preventive must rest. A cold sponge bath, one to three minutes long before breakfast, with a brisk dry rub, is excellent—usually all that is necessary to keep the cutaneous circulation alive and the skin reactive to sudden changes of temperature.

For those unaccustomed to cold water tolerance can be gained in three weeks' time by the use of the water at any comfortable temperature, making it one degree colder each day, until it can be employed without dread as cold as it will run. Sea salt may be added to the water for its stimulating effect.

Cold water intelligently used does not steal vitality, but fosters it. It stimulates the nerves that control the expansion and contraction of the blood vessels and regulates the cutaneous circulation.

One should "keep moving" when wet or chilly and not stand on a street corner or elsewhere without taking deep breath. The lungs used in this way act as a pump to drive the blood along. This practice, with the others named, will reduce to a shadow the liability of taking cold every little while.

If you should contract a cold, get rid of it as quickly as possible, for every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, and paves the way for more serious diseases. This is best accomplished by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a preparation that can always be depended upon, and that not only cures the cold but counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE

CAPABLE young person requires position as a useful companion or mother's help. Apply Box No. 274, Colonist office. d17

Section 178.

COMPANIES ACT, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given that Edward John Hearn, accountant, of Victoria, B. C., has been appointed the attorney-in-fact of the Vancouver Island Mining and Development Company, Limited, in the place of Clermont Livingston, deceased.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 16th day of December, 1908.

"S. Y. WOOTTON,"
Registrar-General of Joint Stock Companies.

CIVIC NOTICE

REWARD.

A reward of the sum of $50 will be paid by the Corporation of the City of Victoria for such information as shall lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who, during the week ending the 5th of December instant, broke the street lamps on the Esquimalt Road within the city limits.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., December 16, 1908.

CIVIC NOTICE

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria having determined that it is desirable to construct permanent sidewalks on both sides of Alpha street from Burnside Road to Douglas Street and to drain and macadamize the same, and that each and all of said works shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Local Improvement General By-Law, and amendment thereto, and the City Engineer and City Assessor having reported to the Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 of the said by-law, upon each and every of said works of local improvement, giving statement showing the amount estimated to be chargeable in each case against the various portions of real property to be benefited by the said works, and the report of the City Engineer and City Assessor aforesaid, having been adopted by the Council; NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the said report is open for inspection at the office of the City Assesseor, City Hall, Douglas street.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

Victoria, B. C., City Clerk's Office, December 17, 1908.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

(Too Late for Classification)

WANTED—Maltese terrier small dog. 390 Colonist. d17

FURNISHED HOUSE TO RENT—12 rooms, about 4 acres of beautiful grounds, 75 fruit trees bearing, fine garden, small fruits, good stable; leather upholstered furniture throughout. Will rent for 6, 9 or 12 months. Apply Box 388 Colonist office. d17

SHOW CASES—Manufacturers of showcases, store, hotel and office fixtures, wall cases, art grills and mirrors. The Woodworkers, Ltd., successors Dickson & Howes, 731 Johnson St. Phone 1165. d17

FOR SALE—Horse, 7 years old, 1250 lbs., sound and gentle, suitable for small farm. H. J. Dunn, Maywood. d17

LOST—German silver belt, between Spencer's and Empress hotel. Return to Empress hotel office. Reward. d17

MAGNETIC healing, Scientific Massage, restful and curative for rheumatism, nervous diseases, etc.; by graduate; will also treat in families. Suite 3, King Edward annex. Mrs. Thompson. d17

SCIENTIFIC PALMIST AND PSYCHIC —Florence White, parlor 14, King Edward Annex. Advice on business, health, social affairs, and examination of mineral. Palm reading, $1.00. Hours—10 to 6; open evenings. d17

FOR SALE—Berried holly. 1937 Blanchard. d17

TO LET—Well furnished rooms, single and double; bath, electric light and sitting room; terms moderate. Phone A-920, 1621 Quadra St. d17

TEACHER WANTED for Goldstream school, Apply W. Payne, Sec., Goldstream. d17

FOR SALE—Young retrieving setter, gentle mouth, $10. Gregory, Millstream P. O. d17

WANTED—Young lady to sell Xmas stamp at Grand theatre, evening performances. Telephone 209, between twelve and one. d17

CHEF and wife, Scotch, seek situation 24 years' experience in all classes of cooking. Would manage hotel or restaurant. 364, Colonist. d17

WANTED—Dressmaker, experienced, by day, wishes engagement. 942 Pandora, Y. W. C. A. d17

FOR A QUICK SALE, 1,000 Can. North-West Oil Co. shares for 40 cents. Box 395, Colonist. d17

WANTED—Strong boy for painting, etc. 441 Kingston St. d17

WANTED—At once, bookkeeper. Apply Fraser & Bishop, Union Bay. d17

WANTED—At once, a capable and reliable nursemaid. Apply Mrs. Alex Gillespie, Trutch St., opposite Fairfield Road. d17

WANTED—School girl to work about house in return for comfortable home within four minutes walk of Central school. Four in family. Pocket money to right person. Apply without delay to 1151 Pandora Ave. d17

FOR SALE—South African Volunteer Dominion Land Warrant for 320 acres. E. C. B. Bagshawe, 613 Fort St. d17

ARRIVED at last, Christmas Cards, will sell them all at 2 cents each, none higher; they are worth up to 25 cents each. My price 2 cents each. Open evenings. H. Stadthagen, Indian Trader, 79 Johnson St. d17

YES, YES, that is right, you always can buy the sepia, also the photograph, and colored Victoria Postal Cards at 1 cent each, 10 for 10 cents; that saves you 15 cents on each 25 cents you spend; 120 subjects to select from. H. Stadthagen, the Indian Trader, 79 Johnson St. d17

ALF COOPMAN, the new proprietor of the Poodle Dog, gives a choice meal, cooked by a white chef, worth 50 cents for 25 cents. Rooms by the day, week and month very reasonable.

I HAD 500 old Japanese hand-painted prints; today I have only 75 left; I will sell them ½ the price you pay at the Japanese stores, namely 25 cents each. Hurry if you want them. They are choice goods. H. Stadthagen, the Indian Trader, 79 Johnson St. d17

GIVING AWAY $150 or more in prizes is just working the ignorant people, the educated person does not patronize those places as he knows that some one has to pay for those prizes; it does not matter if it is a lurable butcher shop or other store; to buy jewelery at one-third the price do not wait till the clock stops but go to H. Stadthagen, Indian Trader, 79 Johnson St. Open evenings. d17

The Mayoralty

To the Editor Colonist:

Dear Sir—Permit me to state through the columns of your paper, in reply to many inquiries and requests, that it is my intention to contest the mayoralty.

Permit me further to suggest that, whereas in past campaigns insufficient time or opportunity has been afforded candidates for full public discussion, and it is most important that at this juncture, when large expenditures are being made the electors should be made fully acquainted with the affairs of the city—that an evening be set apart for a mass meeting at the city hall at as early a date as possible to afford the mayoralty candidates a full opportunity for discussion and for answering questions.

At this meeting it will afford me much pleasure to assist Mayor Hall to fill in the details to the sketch of the year's work of the council presented by him on Tuesday evening.

A. J. MORLEY.

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For the treatment of alcoholic excess and the drug habit, established 14 years.

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(Sgd.) FREDERICK C. DUVAL.
Pastor Knox Church, Winnipeg.
Moderator, General Assembly, Presbyterian Church of Canada.

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THERAPION No. 1 in a remarkably short time, often a few days only, removes all discharges from the urinary organs, superseding injections, the use of which does irreparable harm by laying the foundation of stricture and other serious diseases.

THERAPION No. 2 for impurity of the blood, scurvy, pimples, spots, blotches, pains and swelling of the joints, secondary symptoms, gout, rheumatism, and all diseases for which it has been too much a fashion to employ mercury, sarsaparilla, &c., to the destruction of sufferers' teeth and ruin of health. This preparation purifies the whole system through the blood, and thoroughly eliminates all poisonous matter from the body.

THERAPION No. 3 for nervous exhaustion, impaired vitality, sleeplessness, and all the distressing consequences of early error, excess, residence in hot, unhealthy climates, &c. It possesses surprising power in restoring strength and vigour to the debilitated.

THERAPION is sold by the principal Chemists and Merchants throughout the world. Price in England 2/9 & 4/6. In ordering, state which of the three numbers required, and observe above Trade Mark, which is a fac-simile of word 'THERAPION' as it appears on British Government Stamp (in white letters on a red ground) affixed to every package by order of His Majesty's Hon. Commissioners, and without which it is a forgery.

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NOTICE

The time limited by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Monday, the first day of February, 1909.

THORNTON FELL,
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

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1000 Canadian Northwest Oil shares at 50c.
Two Islands, Gooch and Domville, for sale on east coast of Vancouver Island, 2 miles from Sidney, ideal sites for sumer hotels, good fishing, etc. $20 per acre, or both islands for $2,750.
Lots for sale between Fairfield Road and Foul Bay on new car line from $500.

THURSDAY'S XMAS VALUES ARE GOOD

The holiday shopping is now at its height. A few years ago it was thought the proper thing to wait until the last day or two before buying. Now people buy a week or ten days before the time in the greatest numbers. You get better selections now and better service. We also urge shopping early in the day. We have a very large staff, but business in the latter part of the days taxes us to our utmost.

Today's Splendid Special Values

A Sale of Beautiful Leather Turkish Easy Chairs. Regular $65.00 to $75.00, Today $48.00

These are very rich, handsome Turkish Easy Chairs, upholstered in the very best No. 1 horsehide. The very highest class upholstery throughout, a magnificent line of the best grade goods at Christmas Sale Prices, regular values $65.00 to $75.00. Today **$48.00**

Christmas Linens on Sale Today

The Most Acceptable Gifts of All at Savings

LINEN RUNNERS, size 18 x 54, scalloped embroidered edge, two rows of drawn work. Regular $1.50. Today .... **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, size 30 x 30 and 36 x 36, embroidered and drawn work, regular $1.25 and $1.50. Today .... **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, size 36 x 36, embroidered and drawn work, regular $1.50. Today .... **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, circular style, thirty inches diameter, embroidered and drawn work, regular $1.00. Today .... **50¢**

LINEN CENTRES, circular style, twenty-four inches diameter, scalloped and embroidered, regular 50c. Today .. **25¢**

Men's $1.50 Coat Sweaters Today $1.00

This is sure to be good news for some men. These Coat Sweaters are the most popular and scarcest articles on the market today. This lot we got hold of at a snap, and offer them at this unusual price. They are in a good weight, colors grey trimmed with green, red trimmed with green, plain red, and navy trimmed with red. Regular value $1.50. Today **$1.00**

Today a Sale of Battenberg Linens

$1.50 to $4.50 Pieces, Today $1.00

A Sale of Fancy Gift Linens, the Battenberg style. A handsome lot of splendid designs in centre pieces, size ranging from twenty-four inches square to thirty-six inches square. The centres are made of fine Irish linen, with deep borders of rich Battenberg lace, in handsome patterns. The regular values of the lines offered here are from $1.50 to $4.50, today's special price..**$1.00**

Some of the Values That the China Store Offers

AT 10¢—Pudding Bowls, Coat Hangers, Plates, Sauce Dishes, Cups and Saucers.

AT 15¢—Fruit Saucers, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Cream Jugs, Tea Pot Stands, Glass Vases, Pudding Bowls, Pie Dishes, Tea Pots, Salt and Pepper Shakers, Candle Shades.

AT 25¢—Cream Jugs, Milk Jugs, Fruit Bowls, Pudding Bowls, Bon Bon, Teapot Stands, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Olive Dishes, Spoon Trays, Nut Bowls, Soap Dishes, Shaving Mugs, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Cake Plates, Tea Cups and Saucers, After Dinner Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Fruit Saucers, Hair Receivers, Fancy Mustard Pots.

AT 50¢—Celery Trays, Spoon Trays, Bon Bons, Cream and Sugar Sets, Cream Jugs, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Salad Bowls, Fancy Vases, Fancy Tea Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Moustache Cups and Saucers, Jumbo Cups and Saucers, Hat Pin Holders, Puff Boxes, Hair Receivers, Card Receivers, Toast Racks, Cheese Dishes.

AT 75¢—Cream and Sugar Sets, China Tea Pots, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Comforts, Celery Trays, Comb and Brush Trays, Biscuit Jars, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Tea Plates, Hat Pin Holders, Fancy Vases, Toast Racks, Water Jugs, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Spoon Trays, Hot Water Jugs, Fancy Milk Jugs, After Dinner Coffee Pots, Jardinieres, Fern Pots.

AT $1.00—Fruit Bowls, Salad Bowls, Brush and Comb Trays, Celery Dishes, Cracker Jars, Sugar and Cream Sets, Artistic Vases, Jardinieres, Hot Water Jugs, Butter Dishes, Bon Bon Dishes, Tea Plates, Mayonnaise Dishes, Tea Cups and Saucers, Olive Dishes.

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At 25c	At 50c	At 75c	At $1.00
NOAH'S ARK	MAGIC LANTERNS	GAMES	TEDDY BEARS
PIANOS	BUILDING BLOCKS	MECHANICAL TOYS	UNDRESSED DOLLS
VIOLINS	TOY SOLDIERS	UNDRESSED DOLLS	MECHANICAL RAILWAYS
REVOLVING CHIMES	MECHANICAL ANIMALS	BOATS	MAGIC LANTERNS
GUNS	MUSICAL TOPS	TEA SETS	STEAM ENGINES
MUSIC BARRELS	PIANOS	ENGINES	HOBBY HORSES ON WHEELS
MECHANICAL MICE	CHECKER BOARDS	MECHANICAL HORSES	DRESSED DOLLS
MECHANICAL ENGINES	PICTURE BLOCKS	BUILDING BLOCKS	DOLL'S GO CARTS
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SKIPPING ROPES	GUNS AND PISTOLS	MECHANICAL ANIMALS	CRADLES FOR DOLLS
TEA SETS	DRUMS	UNDRESSED DOLLS	GAMES
WASH SETS	SPRING TOPS	RAILWAYS	BARROWS
CASH REGISTERS	VIOLINS	MERRY GO ROUNDS	NOAH'S ARK
BANKS	DOLL'S TRUNKS	ROLLER CHIMES	HORSES
HORSES AND CARTS	SETS OF TOOLS	PICTURE BLOCKS	BUILDING BLOCKS
ANIMALS	DRESSED DOLLS	TEDDY BEARS	MECHANICAL ANIMALS
METAL SOLDIERS		DRESSED DOLLS	BOXES OF TOOLS
FANCY DOLLS		GUNS FOR BOYS	And Many Other Articles.
TOPS		CHILD'S GO CART	
TOY GO CARTS			

Lace Ties and Fancy Ruffs on Sale Tonight

Handsome Chiffon Ruffs and Pretty Lace Ties on sale tonight at 7.30. It is hard to do justice to this kind of goods in an advertisement, so we would advise you to see them.

LACE TIES, plenty to choose from and good styles that were 50c, 65c, and 75c. 7.30 tonight .... **25¢**

LACE TIES, some beauties in this lot, and ties that formerly were up to $1.50, 7.30 tonight .... **50¢**

CHIFFON RUFFS, a handsome lot to choose from, any one of which is worth twice the price asked, regular up to $6.50. 7.30 tonight, choice for **$2.50**

Christmas Handkerchiefs, All Kinds

SHEER LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edge, each .... **10¢**

SHEER LAWN CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edge, each .... **10¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched edge, **15¢**

FINE LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, lace trimmed, each .... **15¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched edge, good patterns, each .... **20¢**

SHEER CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered, special, each **20¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edges, each .... **25¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched or scalloped edges, each .... **25¢**

LINEN CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered in dainty designs, each .... **25¢**

SHEER LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hand embroidered initials, each..... **25¢**

IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered and hemstitched .... **35¢**

FINER QUALIITES, richly embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched edges, prices ranging from 50c to **$2.75**

HANDKERCHIEFS, in fancy boxes, half dozen in box, at $1.00 and .. **$1.50**

Men's Kid Gloves—A Christmas Assortment

DENT'S TAN COPE GLOVES, special at **$1.00**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, special at **$1.25**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, special at **$1.50**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, extra heavy, at **$1.75**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, hand sewn, at **$2.50**

DENT'S "WESTEND" GLOVES, white stitched, at **$1.50**

DENT'S TAN GLOVES, silk lined cape, at **$1.50**

DENT'S GENUINE KID GLOVES, best make, all the newest tan shades, at **$2.00**

DENT'S TAN MOCHA, at...... **$2.00**

DENT'S TAN MOCHA, silk lined, **$2.00**

DENT'S GENUINE REINDEER GLOVES, silk lined, at **$2.50**

Book Department Items

Christmas Stationery, Cards and Calendars

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY, a splendid assortment at all prices, starting at .... **25¢**

CHRISTMAS CARDS, a tremendous assortment, at, each, 2½c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and .... **50¢**

CHRISTMAS POST CARDS, per dozen .... **25¢**

CALENDARS, a big assortment, nicely boxed, at prices ranging from $1.75 to **5¢**

CHRISTMAS CARDS, in boxes, at, per box, 25c, 35c and .... **50¢**

Christmas Books for Adults

LEATHER BOUND POETS, beautifully bound gilt tops, the following great poets, Shakespeare, Coleridge, Cowper, Burns, Scott, Dante, Gems of National Poetry, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Moore, Cook and Ingoldsby Legends, Price, per volume **$1.00**

LEATHER GIFT BOOKS, a large assortment of titles, assorted covers, price .... **60¢**

LEATHER BOUND POETS, from $1.00 to **$3.75**

METHODIST HYMN BOOKS, 35c, 60c, $1.00, $1.25 and **$1.75**

PRESBYTERIAN HYMN BOOKS, each, 35c, 50c, 75c, $1.00 and **$1.50**

BIBLES, cloth bound, each, $1.00, 50c, and .... **25¢**

BILL NYE'S RED BOOK ...... **75¢**

BILL NYE'S COMIC HISTORY OF ENGLAND .... **75¢**

COMIC HISTORY OF UNITED STATES, price .... **75¢**

HOW TO HUSTLE, price ...... **75¢**

A HUSTLER'S YARNS, price .... **75¢**

TWENTY YEARS' HUSTLING, **75¢**

WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHNSTON, price .... **75¢**

Christmas Books for Girls

Books by Louisa Alcott, for girls, We Girls, Shawl Straps, Litte Men, Old Fashioned Girl, Lulu's Library, Silver Pitchers, Eight Cousins and others. Price, each is .... **50¢**

L. T. Meade, Rosa Carey, and Mrs. Wetherall Books for Girls, each .. **35¢**

Girls' Realm, price **$1.75**

7.30 Sale of Wallpaper

A SPECIAL ASSORTMENT OF WALL PAPER on Sale at 7.30 each night in the Wall Paper Section. These papers are suitable for bedrooms, diningrooms and halls. Special each night at 7:30 p.m., at 7½c and .... **10¢**

If your shopping prevents you going home to lunch, we serve dainty ones at our Tea Rooms.

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